



**Democratic Women's Club of Upper Pinellas County**  
**Minutes of the Membership Meeting**  
**February 27, 2023**

The meeting was held at the Clearwater East Library.

1. President Donna Dennis called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. She advised that Karen Mullins had resigned as DWCUP President for personal reasons and read Karen Mullins' communication to our membership.

Donna Dennis noted that, under our Bylaws, she as First Vice President assumed the presidency and the Second Vice President Ruth Richwine became First Vice President. She asked members to step forward to express interest in officer positions and reminded that elections would be upcoming at the end of the year.

2. Recording Secretary Diane Lebedeff delivered words of inspiration based on Black History Month. She reported that minutes were up to date and that the amendments to the DWCUP Bylaws requested by DWCF, as unanimously approved by the membership at our January meeting, are being submitted to DWCF in proper form.

In honor of Black History Month, President Donna Dennis read biographical material prepared by late member Bea Ritchie recounting her life events during the Jim / Jane Crow era.

3. Treasurer Karen Miracle reported that DWCUP had [REDACTED] on deposit as of January 31, 2022.

4. Second Vice President Ruthann Richwine reported we have 107 members. For those members not paying 2023 dues by February 28<sup>th</sup>, they shall be dropped from the membership list as of March 1<sup>st</sup>. In attendance were 37 members, including 4 guests, plus several persons attending online.

5. Cora Kostka advised that there is no pending Regional meeting. Donna Dennis announced that she, Cora Kostka and Polly Krause attend our chapter's Tally Days on March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, and that the DWCF 2023 convention would be held in Orlando on April 27<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>.

6. Jean Greenawalt, new Legislative Liaison, provided a legislative update.

7. The keynote speaker was Jennifer Webb, former Florida House representative and currently with the League of Cities and the Democracy Resilience Project.

8. Rob Lorei will address the membership in March.

9. Announcements included information provided by Beth Davis on the Drew Street corridor traffic improvement plans.

10. Door prizes were awarded.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Lebedeff, Recording Secretary

These minutes were approved by a duly appointed Special Committee comprised of the President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The approval was so reported at a DWCUP board meeting held on the date below and, after review by the Board, no motion to amend was made and the minutes stand as set forth above.

Initials:  /s/ DAL Date:  3/16/2023