

Event Called to Order by Mark Frandsen, President at 12:25pm.

Invocation By: Chris Hanks

Pledge of Allegiance Led By: Duff Smiley

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Mark Introduced Officials and Dignitaries. Visitors were welcomed. It was announced and posted that no audio or video recording of the event is allowed without prior permission. Mark did advise candidates that Mr. John Rawlings of local radio station WKDW was present and would be conducting interviews outside.

Jack Brill, Chairman of the Sarasota County REC was introduced. Mr. Brill reminded everyone of the County Candidate Rally on July 27 at the Robards Arena. He also reported that a shared campaign office had been opened at 246 Tamiami Trail in Venice that could be used by Candidates, their staff and volunteers. Jack asked for election materials to be delivered to the office.

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Mark then proceeded to introduce each candidate and incumbent present. Some candidates sent supporters instead. The speakers were representative of State, County, North Port Municipal offices, County School Board, County Hospital Board, and Republican State Committee Persons for Sarasota County. Each person spoke for a few minutes. At the midpoint of the presentations there was an activation of the building fire alarm. The attendees exited. The fire department came and found no evidence of fire. The alarms were reset and the meeting continued. Despite the interruption, it was again a friendly and informative session.

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Tasty hotdogs and hamburgers were prepared by Bill and Jerry M. Karen Arlington coordinated another delicious array of donated hot and cold sides from the attendees. A donation of treats from a local ethnic market was accompanied by more donated desserts. The club provided cold refreshments on this hot afternoon.

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Mark adjourned the event at 2:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian L. Patricoski, Secretary