

Meeting Called to Order at 6:10 pm by Mark Frandsen, President.

Invocation by: Marian Patricoski

Pledge Led By: Phil Stokes

Secretary and Treasurer Reports were available for review.

Officials, candidates and Dignitaries were introduced. Visitors were welcomed.

Audio and Video recording are not permitted.

Mark introduced the following individuals for brief messages.

1. Jack Brill REC Chairman: Pete Emrich District 4 commissioner will be completing his final term and they are looking for a candidate for next year's election. To keep our majority on the county school board, we will need to retain Tim Enos this election cycle. If Tim does not run, a solid replacement will be needed. Several charter review seats are up and candidates are needed. They are starting the Vote By Mail process. You will need to re-register this year. We have 47.8% Republican voters in the county and it would be nice to get to 50%. Dems are very focused on the school board so we will need to work hard to keep 3 seats. Joe Gruters from our area and State has been named National RNC Chairman. He will remain in Florida Senate until his term ends in 2026. They are planning the statesman dinner this Fall. Jack wants the Republican slate set up by the end of Fall 2025.
 2. Ann Bunting: From REC committee for 2026 Election the Election Operations Committee. Ann again emphasized the importance of vote by mail. These requests must be renewed each year. Election could occur during hurricane season or when an emergency occurs. With early voting you will not miss the chance to vote.
 3. Karen Arlington: She is chair of the club officer slate committee and is looking for candidates for our club. Karen noted that current officers will not be offended if someone is interested in their position.
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Mark then introduced the featured speaker, Robyn Marinelli, the Vice Chair of the Sarasota County School Board. Robyn has 40 years' experience teaching in the district. Robyn then went on to list campaign promises she made and kept. Sarasota County schools should lead and not follow other districts. We have 5000 teachers. Graduation rates have been increased to 94%. A new website has been constructed for parents and residents use. All policies and procedures have been updated to coincide with State and Federal guidelines. This district has been rated an "A" district for 22 years. We have 14 charter schools.

Robyn noted that we have a \$33 million dollar deficit. It is hoped that money from US Dept. of Ed will help. Student Achievement is her focus. Increase civics in the classroom and a daily pledge of allegiance. Only the US flag in the classroom. Proponents of the LGBTQ+ lifestyle show up at every board meeting to hold protests and cause chaos. The local news media is very supportive of this group. We absolutely must keep the conservative majority on the school board. Questions from members were answered.

Final Notes:

North Port Freedom Fest rescheduled to August 30th. We are looking for volunteers.

Club Picnic on October 11th and details to follow.

Christmas Party December 15 at Tarpon Point. Fee of \$35 per person and 4 entrees to choose from.

Meeting Ended at 6:55pm

Respectfully submitted,

Marian L. Patricoski, Secretary