



## April Meeting Minutes

Date: 4/26/2023

Time: 3:01 PM

### Opening

- Welcome
- Call to Order
- Chaplain Richard Shipp lead opening prayer
- Full membership gave the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag

### Roll Call

- President Joe Wolff – Absent, out on vacation
- Vice-President Mark Cioffi – Present
- Recording Secretary Chris Karpovich – Present
- Treasure Julie Karpovich – Present
- Sergeant-at-Arms Charlie De Cosa Jr – Present

### Elected Officials/Invited Guests Recognized

- Shirley Anderson – Hernando County Supervisor of Elections
- Monte Floyd – Co-Chair Hernando County Mom's for Liberty
- Mark Johnson – Hernando County School Board member

### Club Business

- Treasurer Report – given by WRC Treasurer Julie Karpovich
  - Reviewed report and balance reported = \$1,889.36
    - Motion to accept = Charles De Cosa Jr.
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept = Mark Johnson
  - Had a vote on name tag membership cards and majority vote was for #2



- Recording Secretary Report – given by WRC Acting Recording Secretary, Chris Karpovich
  - Reviewed abbreviated meeting minutes from March meeting, reported that detailed minutes will be posted on WRC website
    - Motion to accept = Charles De Cosa Jr.
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept = Mark Johnson
  - Shared fitting quotes from President Abraham Lincoln – a time when our county was most divided
  - Trivia Time: Shared 6 Republican trivia questions.
  - “Nefarious” a current showing movie (@ Beacon Theaters on Cortez) – shared that this Christian moral-based movie is stirring the left's wrath as it goes against the leftist agenda for our country
- President's Report – given by Mark Cioffi (J. Wolff out on vacation)



- Covered in detail the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment – The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.
- Shared the history and how certain factions in our government use FEAR as a force to silence us, restrict or take away our constitutional rights and conduct overreach of their specified limits of power.
- Congressman Gus Bilirakis (12<sup>th</sup> District Florida) is hosting on May 2, 2023, a Senior Resource Fair at CARES facility located at 12417 Clock Tower Pkwy, Hudson, FL 34667. Cover the newest senior scams and how to avoid them, how to prevent falls, and how to access local resources for seniors in the community.
- Took a moment of silence for Dan Kulsicavage who recently passed. He was a dedicated Republican, Air Force Vietnam veteran and someone that got involved.

## **Guest Speaker**

- Monty Floyd, Co-Chair of Hernando County Mom's for Liberty requested to speak first due to the timing of another commitment.
  - Shared about a heated school board meeting on Tuesday April 25. The teacher's union stacked the visitor chairs with left leaning folks that jeered and allowed to make comments when conservative speakers speak. However, when left leaning speakers speak a conservative is not allowed to jeer or make comments. We need more conservatives in the audience to support the direction of our education system. There are 5 board members and only 2 are conservative, the other 3 are left leaning against conservative values.
  - Provided an update on the Fox Chapel transgender teacher (biological man that desires to be a woman) issue. Shared that this individual was having mental issues and went to the guidance counselor with concerns. It was then shared that a safety risk existed due to his statement that he wanted to "kill the students". The problem is that this was shared with the superintendent, but he buried it and did not move on it allowing the transgender teacher to teach the children for more time. This was raised to the state level where the superintendent was pressured to do the right thing and remove the teacher from direct oversight of children. The trans-teacher was removed on April 13 due to the State of Florida Department of Education getting involved. We have an issue with the current Superintendent. Please get involved, attend school board meetings and support Mark Johnson and Shannon Rodriguez, the sole two conservative board members.
- Guest Speaker: Shirley Anderson, Hernando County Supervisor of Elections
  - Wellington is its own voting precinct – Precinct 410. It has the 1856 registered voters broken down as follows:
    - 955 Republicans
    - 495 Democrats
    - 406 No party or other party
  - Wellington has a reputation for voter turnout and getting involved. In fact, Wellington has surpassed Timber Pines in registered voters!



- Florida is a closed primary state. If you wish to vote in a partisan primary election, you must be a registered voter in the party for which the primary is being held. All registered voters, regardless of party affiliation, can vote on issues and nonpartisan candidates in a primary election.
- Importance of primary elections
  - Voter turn-out is generally low in Primary Elections, in 2022 only 50% of registered voters turned out for the primary
  - School board elections are held in August when not many voters turn out and this is an issue
  - Important to educate the importance of primary voting, share with friends and family and encourage them to vote – missing this key election can result in the “wrong” candidate that you wanted in
- The 2024 election is expected to be a very high turnout election.
- You can not carry over year to year your absentee ballot per state statute.
  - It is important to update every year your desire to vote by mail
    - Call office or use website, both are very easy to use to get registered
- We track every ballot, and you can sign up for monitoring the status of your ballot – contact our office for more information.
- Never put two (2) ballots into one envelope as this is against the law and neither ballot will count.
- We preach “Voter Responsibility” and please be responsible with your information and keep it updated.
- Three (3) key elections in 2024
  - March 19: President preference primary
  - August 20: Primary election, School board
  - November 7: General elections
- Our website has much more information
  - <https://www.hernandovotes.gov>
- Mark Johnson, Hernando County School Board member provided an update.
  - Shared more information around the Transgender teacher at Fox Chapel.
  - Leadership is lacking in our Hernando County School District, the superintendent would have buried the transgender teacher issue unless it was brought to the State’s attention and forcing the superintendent to move on the right action.
  - The current makeup of our school board is 2 conservatives and 3 left leaning progressives. This means our conservative beliefs will be out voted each time. Our county needs to get involved and the school board needs to represent our counties majority which it currently doesn’t.
  - We need support at the meetings. If you are looking for live entertainment, please come and support the outnumbered conservatives on a liberal school board. It can get quite exciting at times.
  - There are reports that left wing groups are coming to the School Board meeting to continue their agenda of controlling our children by indoctrinating them in socialist ideals which goes against the Constitution of the Great State of Florida and conservative values. I can’t stress enough how important it is that we show our conservative school board members we’re behind their efforts to rid the school system of sexual orientation, gender ideology programs and leftist programs.



## Door Prizes

- Eleanor Bushman won a \$25 dollar gift certificate to Wellington Bar & Grill

## Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn = Charles De Cosa
- 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting adjournment = Mark Cioffi
- Meeting adjourned at 4:09PM

## Signatures

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Joe Wolff  
President

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Chris Karpovich  
Recording Secretary (acting)

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