



Meeting Minutes – February 2026

Date: 02/25/2026

Time: 3:00 PM

Opening

- Call to Order
- Full membership gave the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag, led by club president Joe Wolff
- Opening Prayer led by vice-president Mark Cioffi

- Roll Call

- President, Joe Wolff - Present
- Vice-President, Mark Cioffi – Present
- Recording Secretary, Sandra Apone – Present
- Treasurer, Julie Karpovich – Present
- Sergeant-at-Arms, Charlie De Cosa Jr – Present

Elected Officials/Invited Guests Recognized

- Mark Johnson, Hernando County School Board Member
- John Carroll – President, First Hernando Republican Club
- Ana Sicovia – Aide to Gus Bilirakis

January Treasurer Report

Opening Balance	\$1,376.00
 <u>Debits/Expenses</u>	
Club Business – Name Tags	\$18.53
Bar & Grill	50.00
Cake	<u>29.99</u>
Total Debits	\$98.52
 <u>Credits</u>	
Ticket Sales	\$53.00
Membership {new & renewal}	\$140.00
Total Credits	<u>\$193.00</u>
Petty Cash	<u>40.00</u>
 <u>Ending Balance</u>	 <u>\$1510.48</u>



Recording Secretary Report – by Sandra Apone

Members receive the February minutes prior to the March meeting. Please review them for approval at that meeting. Find approved minutes at www.wellingtonrc.com.

Presidents Report – Things that Happened

- During President Trump's State of the Union address to Congress, Republican members showed strong support by standing and applauding enthusiastically. In contrast, Democratic members remained seated, even when President Trump invited everyone to stand in support of his statement: "If you agree with this statement then stand up and show your support: The first duty of any government is to protect the American citizens, not illegal aliens."
- President Trump welcomed the Hockey Team USA Gold Medalists to the White House. They were also present at the State of the Union address.
- Tour of the Ronald Reagan Museum - Club president Joe Wolff recently traveled to California, where he visited the Ronald Reagan Museum. His trip provided valuable insights and observations to share with club members.
- During his visit, Joe noted that the average price for unleaded gasoline in California was \$4.99 per gallon.
- Additionally, he observed signage at the Santa Monica Pier cautioning visitors: "Do not fish, eat the fish or swim in the water." These warnings highlight concerns about local environmental conditions. (Caused primarily by Mexico)
- Pictures, quotes, information and further details about Joe Wolff's trip can be found online at www.Wellingtonrc.com.
- **Things that Will Happen**
- Members are invited to attend the dedication ceremony for the Charlie Kirk Memorial Highway, which is scheduled for Friday, February 27th at 3:00 p.m. The event will be held at Powell Rd & California.
- The Wellington Republican Club, in partnership with the First Hernando Republican Club, has organized a trip to Tallahassee for a tour of the State Capitol Building on March 10th. Our allotted quota is 20 participants. All attendees are responsible for arranging their own transportation, meals, and lodging (if selected). If you have not received an email from Joe regarding the trip, please contact him for specific information.

Guest Speaker -Mark Cioffi

- Mark Cioffi presented information on a new Charter School, Pineapple Cove Classical Academy at Brooksville.
- The school will offer a classical education – a traditional education with an emphasis on American literary, moral, philosophical, political, civics, and historical tradition.
- Any student can enroll, there is no tuition or eligibility tests.
- Parents can choose between the traditional public schools and the public charter schools.
- The charter school must meet or exceed the minimum Florida education standards or the school will close if those minimum standards are not met.



· Attendance will range from roughly 700 students upon opening the K through six in August 2027 and will grow yearly to a K-12 and roughly 1300 students.

Door Prize

- Terri Delia was the winner of a gift certificate for the Bar & Grill.

Cake Report

- A beautiful "Celebrate" Cake was served.

Next Regular Meeting Date

- We will meet again on Wednesday, March 25th at 3 p.m. in the ballroom. Candidates for the Board of County Commissioners who have filed for the August primary are invited to introduce themselves and discuss why they deserve your vote.

Adjournment - The_Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM

Signatures

J.H. Wolff

03/20/26

Joseph Wolff
President

Date

Sandra Apone

03/12/2026

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Date