



Meeting Minutes – March 2024

Date: 03/27/2024

Time: 3:00 PM

Opening

- Welcome
- Call to Order
- Full membership gave the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.
- Pastor Jack Martin led the opening prayer.

Roll Call

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

Elected Officials/Invited Guests Recognized

- Jason Marques - Wellington Master BOD President
- John Allocco – BOCC, District 3
- Steve Champion – BOCC, District 5
- Gus Bilirakis – Congressman, US REP Florida
- Shirley Anderson – Supervisor of Elections

Club Business

- Treasurer Report – given by President, Joe Wolff
 - Feb Ending Balance \$1,465.45 + \$40.00 (petty cash) = \$1,505.45
 - Motion to accept – Charles DeCosa Jr.
 - 2nd to accept – Mark Cioffi
- Recording Secretary Report – February Meeting Minutes were emailed and can be viewed on Wellingtonrc.com. Members are asked to read them and be ready to approve the Minutes at the March Meeting. There was a motion to approve the minutes made by Charlie DeCosta and a second motion was made by Andrew Angolia followed by a unanimous approval.

President's Report – given by President Joe Wolff

- Joe introduced the formation of a “Wellness” sub-committee. It is comprised of two Wellington representatives, each based on opposite sides of the development, who will report on the wellbeing of our RC Membership. Life events such as Birthdays, Anniversaries, Sickness, Passings, etc. Appointed to this sub committee are Denise Marques and Jamie Wells. Please visit our website under “About Us” to contact either of the ladies with questions or information.



Joe spoke about the Great Barrington Declaration

- An open letter in response to the Covid 19 pandemic and lockdowns. It was authored by three professors from Oxford, Stanford, and Harvard Universities. The CDC ordered it to be taken down from the website, but the Declaration proved to be true – the government lied to us. Issues to explore:
 - Truth is Paramount
 - Narratives are Crumbling
 - Dems Refuse to acknowledge proven Facts and statistics
 - Some Republicans also have their heads in the Sand
 - No one is willing to have conversations
 - Are you armed? Read books – Dozens of books have been published, responsible parties have been named... none of these authors have been sued. Contrast to zero books written in support. In fact, just the Opposite, Deborah Birx book actually brags about lying/misleading the President (Trump)
- Check the website for upcoming events including fund raisers for various candidates and the Lincoln Dinner on April 19th.

Guest Speaker – Shirley Anderson – Supervisor of Elections

- Ms. Anderson stated there are 69,396 registered Republican voters in Hernando County.
- There are 3 ways to vote; by mail, early voting and 'in person' voting on Election Day.
- Early voters and 'in person' voters on election day must produce a current and valid photo and signature ID. All 'mail in' Ballots must have a signature; they are compared with signatures on file and if there is a problem the voter is contacted and has a chance to correct his/her ballot.
- Anyone can come to the Elections office and watch the process of ballots being counted.
- It's a good idea to bring a sample ballot with you when voting in the general election, there will be 9 issues on the upcoming ballot.
- The Florida Primary Election will take place on August 20th, the General Election will take place on November 5th.
- Ms. Anderson suggested that we look out for our neighbors who may not be able to go to the polls by themselves, assist whenever possible. Everyone should vote!
- There was a question- and- answer period after the presentation. Staff members were available to assist those who wanted to register to vote.

Candidates for Office – Each had 3 minutes to address audience.

- John Alloco – BOCC
- Steve Champion – BOCC
- Amy Blackburn – Tax Collector
- Marvin – Baynham – BOCC
- Kevin Johnston- Property Appraiser
- Brook Mazourek for husband Randy Mazourek – Property Appraiser
- Mark Cioffi – School Board
- Justin Noe for Gus Bilirakis - Congressman



Door Prize

- Matteo Apone is the Raffle winner – a \$25.00 gift certificate for the Wellington Bar & Grill.

Next Meeting date is April 24th - Guest Speakers:

- Jeff Rogers, County Administrator
- Tresa Watson – Proper drug disposal and use of Narcan

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn - Joe Wolff
- 2nd meeting adjournment – Mark Cioffi
- Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM

Signatures

Joseph Wolff
President

Date

Sandra Apone
Recording Secretary

Date