



Meeting Minutes – October 2024

Date: 10/23/2024

Time: 3:00 PM

Opening

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

- Jason Marques, President, Wellington Board of Directors

Club Business

- September Treasurer Report – by Julie Karpovich

Opening Balance	\$1,412.75
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Debits/Expenses

o Debit Card Purchases	<u>\$27.68</u>
Total Debits	\$27.68

Credits

o Ticket Sales	\$186.00
o Membership Fees	\$ 50.00
o Christmas Luncheon	<u>\$300.00</u>
Total Credits	\$536.00

Ending Balance	\$ 1,921.07
Petty Cash	<u>\$ 40.00</u>
	\$ 1,961.07

- Recording Secretary Report – by Sandra Apone
The October 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 November Meeting. The September Minutes were unanimously approved by the membership.



Presidents Report

- President Joe Wolff displayed several important slides and videos appear on the website **Wellingtonrc.com**. Topics of interest include:
 - Trump Fireworks at the Bloomberg Forum
 - “Art of the Surge” video – the story of the Donald Trump comeback.
 - “Polymarket Election Winners” – Polymarket is the world’s largest prediction market. It states that Donald Trump will win the 2024 presidential election by 63% over Harris’s 33%. Other election predictions are also available on the website “Polymarkt.com”.
 - A billboard advertising AMISH FOR TRUMP is seen on the roadside of Lancaster, PA. The irony here is that the Amish usually do not vote!
 - On **October 20, 2024**, Donald Trump visited a McDonald’s restaurant in Feasterville-Trevose, PA, made French fries, and even distributed them through the drive-up window to surprised customers. The event was highly publicized. A letter from the United States Senate was sent to McDonalds Corp voicing their concern over the rising cost of fast food. The Senate asks McDonalds to explain their pricing decisions. That letter was dated **October 21, 2024**. Coincidence?
 - The Central Park Five sue Donald Trump for adds he ran in the New York Times during their trial. Their guilty verdicts have been overthrown, members were encouraged to watch their full confessions, conducted at the time of their arrests. Those confessions can be found on the club website under “more” & “Central Park Five”
 - Since Elon Musk endorsed Donald Trump and contributed funds to his campaign, Musk’s companies are increasingly facing regulatory battles and federal investigations from all corners of the U.S. government.
 - Robert Kennedy, Jr., endorses Trump and wants to make America Healthy Again (MAHA).
 - Various charts are shown on the website demonstrating the differences between the Trump and the Biden administrations - stock market growth, prices of groceries, gasoline, mortgage rates, and personal income. There are also charts showing the rise in crime, criminal justice and incarcerations. The FBI has hidden a 55% rise in violent crime during the Biden/Harris administration.
 - Slide of Amendment 4 regarding the abortion issue and dollars spent to support or oppose the ballot initiative.
 - Reminder to vote early at any of the five area locations.
 - Slide from Facebook erroneously states that Mark Cioffi, school board candidate, supports Kamala Harris.
 - The New York Times runs the iconic picture of Trump after the assassination attempt in butler, PA but eliminates the words “Fight, Fight, Fight”.
 - Trump comments on Mark Zuckerberg who has plotted against him.

Candidate Comments

- Mark Cioffi and Michelle Bonczek – vying for a seat on the School Board in District 4 each spoke for 4 minutes. Mark spoke about “the Anxious Generation” and the need for



leadership. Michelle spoke about her children's experience in schools and budget concerns.

- President Wolff complimented both candidates and stated we (Hernando County) are fortunate to have two highly qualified individuals running for the position and wished them both the best of luck.

Upcoming Events

- "Trump Train" caravans will leave from the Weeki Wachee Park parking lot on Saturday, October 26th and Saturday, **November 2nd** at 4:00 p.m. if you'd like to join, just show up but please arrive no later than 3:30pm
- An election night "Watch Party" will be held on Tuesday, November 5th beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Marker 48 Brewery on Cortez. Reservations are required.
- A Veterans Day Ceremony, featuring guest speakers Shelly & Richard Whitford and honored guests, will be held in the Wellington Clubhouse on November 11th at 11:00 a.m.
- The Wellington Republican Club Christmas Luncheon is "Sold Out".
- The Wellington RC will be screening the movie "Reagan" in the Clubhouse on **December 19th at 2:00 p.m.** This is a free event, including popcorn. Drinks on your own and consider joining the group for dinner after the movie

Door Prize

- Club Member David Wawer is the winner of a \$25.00 gift certificate for the Wellington Bar & Grill.

Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, November 27th at 3:00 p.m. in the Ballroom.

Adjournment - The Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM

Signatures

Joseph Wolff
President

Date

Sandra Apone
Recording Secretary

11/01/2024_____
Date