



Meeting Minutes – February 2025

Date: 02/26/2025

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 Richard Shipp

Roll Call

1. President – Joe Wolff - Present
2. Vice-President, Mark Cioffi – Present (Excused Arrived later half of meeting)
3. Recording Secretary – Sandra Apone – Present
4. Treasurer – Julie Karpovich - Present
5. Sergeant-at-Arms - Charlie De Cosa Jr – Present

Elected Officials/Invited Guests Recognized

- Mark Johnson, HC School Board Member
- Michelle Bonczek – HC School Board Member

January Treasurer Report – by Julie Karpovich

Opening Balance	\$1,601.46
Debits/Expenses	
Debit Card Purchases	\$125.00
Check to Eastside Elementary	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total of Debits	\$225.00
Credits	
Ticket Sales	\$111.00
Membership Fees	<u>\$ 60.00</u>
Total Credits	\$171.00
Ending Balance	\$ 1,547.48
Petty Cash	<u>\$40.00</u>
	\$1,587.45

Recording Secretary Report – by Sandra Apone

- The January Meeting Minutes were emailed to the membership and are available on Wellingtonrc.com. Members were requested to review them and provide comments or approval at the February meeting. The membership approved the January Minutes unanimously.



Presidents Report

- President Joe Wolff and the meeting attendees noted that Donald Trump's victory in the Presidential race was a significant event & America's Christmas gift to the world. President Trump secured victory in 2,619 U.S. counties, whereas the opposing candidate won in 525 counties.
- Trump appointed several Generation X members to his team: Pam Bondi as Attorney General; Pete Hegseth as Secretary of Defense; Kristi Noem for Homeland Security; Tulsi Gabbard for National Intelligence; Kash Patel as Director of the FBI; Dan Bongino at the FBI. See their pictures on Wellingtonrc.com.
- **Cookie Status** – The Club offers cookies and beverages for your enjoyment during the meeting. We kindly request that you refrain from taking cookies “to go”.
- **Events** – Eastside Elementary has established a Food Pantry to provide support to neighbors affected by Hurricane Helene. The Hernando Times published a photograph featuring club President Joe Wolff, School Board member Mark Johnson, Principal Mike Lastra, and other Eastside members in front of the Pantry.
- Another initiative, termed “Shoe Fairy,” was introduced by the school to benefit children needing new sneakers. Joe and Mark were again in the news when they presented a check for \$2,000 to Principal Lastra. Funds were raised from Republican guests attending an inauguration party hosted by Joe and his wife Regina.
- Joe presented a Military Certificate to Michael C. Freshour, a 20-year Special Forces veteran, for his service to England and promoting freedom and liberty. Congratulations to Mike, a valued club member. The certificate was produced by Members Sherry and her husband Richard Whitford... Joe complemented the Whitford's on their continued work in recognizing Veterans.
- Mr. Tom Lemons “Podcast” – Joe discussed the podcast's content and highlighted some of the controversy surrounding the statements made in the podcast and specifically what was not mentioned regarding the alleged attack on Candidate Marvin Bayham and his signature appearing on the Florida Abortion Amendment

Guest Speaker – Ryan Amsler, County Commissioner, District 1. Mr. Amsler won the tight race against incumbent Beth Narverud last November. He is a conservative and has lived most of his life in Hernando County. His campaign emphasized residents' rights and reducing certain types of construction, while supporting industrial growth to generate jobs and revenue for Hernando County. Mr. Amsler invited questions from the membership regarding taxes, insurance, and the development of housing on the golf course surrounding Wellington.

Upcoming Events – A New Generation “Walk for Life”, Saturday, March 29th at Tom Varn Park in Brooksville.



Elected Official Remarks – School Board Member, Mark Johnson, spoke about the overcrowding in our high schools. A new building is needed to solve the problem.

Door Prize

- Ed Dunbar was the winner of the Monthly Door Prize: a \$25.00 gift certificate for the Wellington Bar & Grill.

Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, March 26th at 3:00 p.m. in the Ballroom. Guest speaker: newly elected School Board Member Michelle Bonczak.

Adjournment - The Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM

Signatures

Joseph Wolff
President

Date

Sandra Apone
Recording Secretary

Date