



Republican Women of Worcester County
October General Meeting
October 27, 2022
Barbely's

MINUTES

Opening Ceremonies

Call to Order Sandy Zitzer, President – 10:35 AM
Opening Prayer Jan Kolesky, Chaplain
Pledge of Allegiance Amy Mike, Sgt. At Arms
Welcome Sandy Zitzer, president, welcomed everyone and introduced elected officials who were present. She reminded everyone that **Early Voting** begins today and will continue through November 3, 2022. Sandy went on to thank everyone who helped make the Fashion Show such a success. She shared that the MFRW Fall Convention is scheduled for November 11th and 12th in Leonardtown and there is still time to register if anyone is interested in attending.

Officer's Reports

Recording Secretary Amy Mike requested the approval of minutes from our last General Meeting which took place on May 26, 2022. Jan Kolesky so moved. Marita Mike seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously (MCU).

Treasurer/Budget Jean Delcher presented a report on our financial status. She then asked for approval of the BUDGET for 2023 which had been published in advance of the meeting. Mary Adair so moved. Charlotte Cathell seconded. MCU.

Membership Mary Adair reported that we currently have 145 regular members and 12 associates. Mary went on to introduce 7 new members who were attending as a member for the first time. She is currently accepting membership dues of \$40 for 2023.

Cor.- Sec. Theresa Denshuick – excused but sent a report that several Thinking of You/Get Well cards have been sent.

1ST Vice President Liz Mumford announced that our next General Meeting will be held at Lighthouse Sound on the evening of November 17, 2022 beginning at 5:00 PM. The guest speaker will be Terris Todd from the Heritage Foundation. She encouraged everyone to look him up at Heritage.org prior to the meeting.
As chair of the Literacy Committee she also shared that the club made a donation of \$100 to each of the five county public libraries to purchase books from an approved list.

2ND Vice President Merilee Horvat thanked everyone for the success of the Fashion Show. The goal of the committee was to raise \$9,000 and we were just shy of that amount with netting \$8,933.97. The Fashion Show for 2023 will be held on September 14, 2023 at the Fontainebleau (formerly the Clarion) in Ocean City. Reservations will be for tables of 10 and must be made by August. Details to follow.
Merilee also shared that members present at today's meeting were receiving an envelope with Valentine Raffle Tickets to sell/buy. These must be returned by the February meeting when the raffle will take place. Members not present will have their tickets delivered to them.

Committee Updates

Campaign Activities Carol Frazier spoke to the need for coverage of three slots for the Early Voting tent at the Convention Center: 10/28 from 1 to 3, 11/2 from 9 to 11 and 11/3 from 11 to 1. She received several volunteers from those present. She alerted everyone to consult the

October Newsletter on the RWWC website for details regarding the 5 Ballot Questions. Carol also shared that there are a number of Candidate Campaign Signs available along the entry ramp for attendees to pick up on their way out.

Presentations

Liz Mumford introduced the following speakers:

Sharon Carrick, President, MFRW

Sharon encouraged everyone to participate in the Fall Convention on November 11th and 12th, which will include events like Leonardtown's Veterans Parade at 10 AM on 11/11. Registration closes on November 5th. She highlighted other upcoming events including the Leadership Conference on January 7th and Red Scarf Day on March 7th. They are hoping to hold the Spring Board Meeting in Kent Narrows. Sharon shared that the MFRW website is being substantially remodeled. We are the second largest club in the state topped only by Baltimore County with 175 members. One of the things being voted on at the upcoming convention will be By-Laws changes regarding the endorsement of candidates running for office.

Charlotte Cathell, Americanism Chair

Charlotte spoke about the meaning of Americanism and how it is intertwined with the American Legion. Democracy is central to a set of ideas specific to the United States. The main way to practice Americanism is by doing something for the community, the state and/or the nation.

Anthony (Chip) Bertino, County Commissioner

Chip emphasized that we are basically a red county in a very blue state. The Commissioners represent both the executive and legislative branches of government locally. He shared that many unfunded programs are thrust on us by the state. This requires frank discussion, compromise and respect. Several programs Chip highlighted include the Kirwan Commission, the Police Accountability Board (where member Carol Frazier serves) and Body Cams for police. What we really need is limited government and conservative stewardship.

Introduction of Republican Candidates in Attendance

Sandy introduced the following candidates and offered them the opportunity to say a few words: Chip Bertino, Jim Bunting, Caryn Abbott, Eric Fiori, Kris Heiser, Susan Braniecki, Katie Addis and Beth Rodier.

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Calendar

November 11 -12 MFRW Fall Convention
November 17 General Meeting, Lighthouse Sound

Adjourn

Sandy Zitzer adjourned the meeting at 12:15 PM following the drawing of the winning Basket Raffle ticket.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Mike
Recording Secretary