



America First SWFLC Membership Meeting Minutes
326 Nokomis Ave. S., Venice FL 34285 - November 12, 2025

Officers Present: Mike Stephenson-Vice President, Donna DeFiore-Treasurer, Luke OBrien-Secretary

Call to Order: by Mike Stephenson at 11:38 am.

Opening Ceremonies: Invocation - Barbara Vaughn; Pledge of Allegiance - Malcolm E. Williamson; God Bless America - led by Paula Miller.

Treasurer's Report: Donna DeFiore reported that for October 2025, there was a Beginning Balance of \$2,370.77; Total Receipts were \$4,297.02; and Total Expenses were \$114.14 - leaving an Ending Balance of \$6,553.65.

Having completed a recent Matching Funds Campaign for our legal defense fund, we still owe \$8,338.95 to be paid to our attorney. The report was filed for audit.

Secretary's Report: Paper copies of the proposed October 08 minutes were distributed and were available in advance online for review at: <https://americafirstswflc.org/minutes-1>. Having called for objections or amendments to the prior month's minutes, and hearing none, the minutes for October were approved for adoption.

Old Business:

Details for our December 10th **Christmas Luncheon** were announced. A link to purchase tickets is available at <https://americafirstswflc.org/christmas-luncheon>.

New Business:

Remarks by Elected Officials and Candidates:

Vic Rohe - provided a status update on the Hospital Board, and collected postcards to effect a pardon, rather than a commuted sentence, for Patrick Stranahan, a patriot targeted in the Jan. 06, 2020 Trump Rally.

Jose Jimenez - Parliamentarian for the Sarasota County Charter Review Board District 5. The Charter Review Board [<https://www.scgov.net/government/county-charter/charter-review-board>] reviews and proposes changes to the Sarasota County Charter, which is like a mini Constitution for our County. Jose urged us to get involved by attending committee meetings, or at least by watching the Zoom presentations at [scgov.net](https://www.scgov.net). He referred to Article 6.2A of the Sarasota County Charter where it says that "*no voting system shall be used in Sarasota County that does not provide a voter verified paper ballot*"; and, where it says that "*no electronic record shall be deemed a ballot*." Yet, we do not see this in practice, and we want to make our elected officials accountable.

A link to the video of the Oct 15, 2025 meeting of Sarasota County Charter Review Board can be found here: [<https://sarasotacounty.granicus.com/player/clip/6759>] Jose can be reached at: Jose.Jimenez@scgcrb.net

Michelle Pozzie - Candidate for Sarasota County School Board District 5, Director of Turning Point USA for Sarasota County, and Producer and Director of Coastal Conservative News. Michelle has decided to represent "*you, your morals, your convictions, your ideas, and your red, white, and blue*" at the Sarasota County School Board level. Whether our students attend public, private, or school at home, Michelle vows a mom's approach, representing all students, standing '*ready to tackle education with a broader view*'.



Nominations Continue for President, 2nd Vice-President, and Secretary, and will resume in January.

for President - **Mike Stephenson** had been nominated the previous month.

for President - **Barbara Vaughn** accepted the nomination by Joyce Leogrande

for 2nd Vice-President - **Thomas Babicz** had been nominated the previous month.

for 2nd Vice-President - **John Hallowell** accepted the nomination by Richie Angley

for Secretary - Terry Angley was nominated by Tamzin Rosenwasser. Richie Angley declined for Terry in her absence, pending verification. Richie also declined as secretary for himself, as Tamzin nominated him also. The office of Secretary remains **open**.

Conni Brunni reported on the Rally and Press Conference held in Orlando on Friday, November 7, 2025.

Barbara Vaughn shared the speech that Terry Angley prepared for presentation at the Rally and Press Conference in Orlando.

Featured Speaker(s)

Cathi Chamberlain - author and activist has a new book entitled 'Rules for RINOs: Alinsky Tactics To Fight Republicans In Name Only', written as a takeoff of Saul Alinsky's book - 'Rules for Radicals'.
[<https://rulesfordeplorablesbook.com/>]

Cathi's book starts each chapter with one of Alinsky's tactics, using current events to explain how to recognize his tactics, and how to fight back using them. She walked us through the organization of the Republican Party from the Republican National Committee (RNC) at the National level, to the Republican Party of Florida (RPOF) at the State level, to the REC - Republican Executive Committee, of each County.

She presented that in our State, the leaders of the Republican Party of Florida (RPOF) comprise Chairman Evan Power and Bill Helmich - RPOF Executive Director. She shared narratives regarding how she and many others are being suspended, or purged, from the Republican Party for doing what our President Trump has asked us to do.

So, Cathi recently, in July 2025, started up a coalition of groups - not so much a new group or club, but a coalition called APEC - American Patriot Executive Committee. She is looking for at least one representative from each MAGA or America First group in the State (from groups like ours). APEC plans another Rally and Press Conference for January 29, 2026, specifically to bring attention to Pres. Trump's Daughter-in-Law, Laura Trump, who is scheduled as the featured speaker for the event.

Adjournment: There was a Motion to Adjourn at 1:01 by Luke OBrien.

Submitted by: Luke OBrien, Secretary

Approved - x