



America First SWFLC Membership Meeting Minutes
326 Nokomis Ave. S., Venice FL 34285 - January 14, 2026

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

Call to Order: by Mike Stephenson at 11:35 am.

Opening Ceremonies: Invocation - Barbara Vaughn; Pledge of Allegiance - Mike Stephenson; God Bless America - led by Randy Wedin.

Treasurer's Report: Donna DeFiore reported that for December 2025, there was a Beginning Balance of \$8,740.57; Total Receipts were \$12,040.18; and Total Expenses were \$10,995.98 - leaving an Ending Balance of \$9,784.77.

The report was filed for audit without objection.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for November 12, 2025 were approved for adoption without objection.

Nominations closed on this date for President, 2nd Vice-President, and Secretary. Elections will be held in February.

for President - **Mike Stephenson** had been nominated previously.

for President - **Barbara Vaughn** had been nominated previously.

for 2nd Vice-President - **Thomas Babicz** had been nominated previously.

for 2nd Vice-President - **John Hallowell** had been nominated previously.

for Secretary - Dan Gauthier was nominated by Luke OBrien. Dan accepted the nomination.

Remarks by Elected Officials and Candidates:

Michelle Pozzie - spoke as candidate for Sarasota County School Board, District 5.

Joe Neunder - running for re-election for Sarasota County Commissioner, District 4.

Featured Speaker: **Ron Turner - Sarasota County Supervisor of Elections**

Adjournment: There was a Motion to Adjourn at 12:56 by Rick Mikluscak

Submitted by: Luke OBrien, Secretary

Approved - Wednesday, February 11, 2026