



America First SWFLC Membership Meeting Minutes
326 Nokomis Ave. S., Venice FL 34285 - June 11, 2025

Officers Present: Terry Angley – President; Mike Stephenson – Vice President; Donna DeFiore – Treasurer; Luke OBrien - Secretary

Opening Ceremonies: Invocation - Barbara Vaughn; Pledge of Allegiance – Barbara Vaughn; God Bless America – led by Patti Robertson

Call to Order: President Terry Angley called the meeting to order at 11:49 am.

Approval of Minutes: General Membership Minutes for both months of April and May were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Donna DeFiore reported that for May, the beginning balance was \$7,055.18; total receipts were \$321.18; and total expenses were \$953.36, leaving an ending balance of \$6,423.00.

Motion to Accept the Treasurer's Report: by Barbara Vaughn; seconded by John Leogrande

Visitors were welcomed and acknowledged.

Elected Officials:

Vic Rohe - Hospital Board - reported that SMHB accepted Dr. Pierre Kory's request to update them (in a closed meeting) as to what has been revealed about Covid 19 to date. Vic also volunteered to share the link to an article relating the current L.A. riots to a tax on remittances to Mexico. The recently proposed "Big Beautiful Bill" containing a 5% tax on what represents \$62 billion in receipts annually sent to Mexico, may be the real financial incentive for the riots.

Joe Neunder - County Commissioner, District 4, and State Committeeman. Recent involvement for Joe has had him meet with the RPOF, as well as with the City of Venice (as County Commissioner). He was involved in certifying the recent North Port referendum. He invited us to individually attend County Commissioner meetings, and speak if we so desire.

By way of Hurricane preparedness, if we, as citizens, know of a flooding issue, please send an email (or phone) alert directly to Joe [jneunder@scgov.net] so that staff can provide proactive relief.

President's Report:

To celebrate Donald Trump's June 14th Birthday, we had a *HUGE* Birthday cake, and Birthday song led by Patty Robertson.

In the lawsuit against some of our members, Attorney Chris DeCosta has new steps that Terry will be sharing with us later as the situation further develops.

Instead of responding to solicitations for donations from questionable Republican groups, Terry suggested considering donating to Valor America [valoramerica.org], or Caesar Rodney Institute [caesarrodney.org].

Terry introduced Trent Wayman, former State Committeeman from Manatee County. He was elected this past August but was summarily removed from the REC by letter from Evan Powers. Both he and State Committeewoman Jacqueline Heisse were likewise removed their elected positions as State Committeepersons. For Trent, improprieties like this sparked a renewed interest in forming a new party, now named The America First Party (AMF). So far, there's only a Florida chapter, with other States expected to follow.

Terry brought up the present conflict between President Trump and Elon Musk. There is some question as to how far Elon is into the Autism spectrum, or to what extent the controversy is some other play or situation that will blow over.



Donna Hurlock spoke about the strategies she and her group used to defeat the establishment in the North Port special election in May. Primarily it was a strategy to get people out to vote. A critical element of success was concentrating on, and working with the already dissident Precinct 541, and largely getting the message out through various social media channels. She made a proactive request for getting MAGA Facebook Warriors involved now in online neighborhood groups for 2026.

Guest Speaker: Jennifer Carey, CEO of Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center at sarasotapregnancy.com

Jennifer was accompanied by Linda Zeck - Board Chair of Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center (SMPC), and George Zeck who sits on their Finance Committee (both are members of AFSWFLC). Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center has served the community for over 23 years as a faith-based, non-profit organization providing free care for women who are pregnant and have an unplanned or unexpected pregnancy. The center is located at 1762 Hawthorne St Suite 5, Sarasota, FL 34239, behind Sarasota Memorial Hospital, downtown Sarasota.

Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center also provides a wellness component that offers free annual women's exams with lab work for women that do not have health care. Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center does not provide, or refer for, abortion. But non-judgmentally, they want people to come back and get healing, and better equip to be future parents.

As 90% of expectant mothers receive support or influence from a male counterpart, SMPC has male volunteers who provide training and advocacy for the fathers-to-be, encouraging the next generation to be active participants in their growing family. Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center also provides access to Social Services Navigators to help with acquiring jobs, education, trade skills, and sometimes even short-term food support from their own office food bank. Every week they provide real produce - real vegetables and fruit - not just box food.

Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center also works in collaboration with Pregnancy Solutions [pregnancysolutions.org] to provide pregnancy tests, ultrasounds (a mobile unit is available), and STD testing.

As SMPC provides services for 1 in 3 pregnancies in the county, that's over 1,500 new clients annually. By advocating for parents - parents who feel they have no choice other than abortion - they are giving children a chance of life.

Further Announcements:

There will be a J6 Patriots Fundraiser on Tuesday, June 24th at The Hollow Alliance, 826 S. Moon Dr., Venice 34292, where J6r's who were arrested and incarcerated will come and share their stories. Doors open at 5pm; the program starts at 6pm.

Alexandra Coe announced an event for the Reclaim Florida movement on Saturday, July 26, now in Venice. It was originally planned for St. Petersburg. Details for that event are on their website at: ReclaimCampaign.com.

Another event called Reclaim Sarasota, on Saturday, July 19th, is scheduled a week ahead of the Reclaim Florida event. This will be a bridge-building event, inviting community organizations, putting down our differences, and having important conversations about the future of Sarasota and the issues that we need to address with our government in Sarasota County.

Adjournment: Motion by Joyce Payne; adjournment at 1:13 pm.

Submitted by: Luke OBrien, Secretary

Approved - 09 July, 2025