

America_First_SWFL_Caucus_General_Members_Meeting_Minutes

326 Nokomis Ave. S., Venice, FL 34285

April 8, 2026

OFFICERS PRESENT: Barbara Vaughn-President; Thomas Babicz- 2nd Vice President; Donna DeFiore-Treasurer; Daniel Gauthier III-Secretary

Called to order: by Barbara Vaughn at 11:38 AM

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

Secretary's Report: February and March Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance \$9,169.22

Cash received 331.52

Cash Disbursed 130.87

Ending balance \$9,369.87

President Remarks

The Committee Chairs are: Paula Miller, Membership; John Hallowell, Hospitality; Toni Clinger, Sunshine; Paul DeClark, Sergeant-At-Arms; Dave Lubisch, 50/50

The meetings begin with an optional lunch from 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM. The business of the Caucus is conducted from 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Our guest speakers present from Noon until 1:00 PM when we adjourn.

The result of the lawsuit was disclosed. More information can be found at the Sarasota Clerk of Courts website, Case Number 2024CA

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Distribution of information was discussed using postcards that could be left with a voter, mailed to a voter or emailed to a voter.

The Spring Fundraiser was discussed and will be finalized at the May 2026 meeting.

REMARKS BY ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CANDIDATES:

Eddie Speir - Candidate for District 16

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

Mark Smith - District 2 County Commissioner running for reelection. He stated there are many areas that have been entitled development rights

Vic Rohe - Hospital Board member and Candidate for Florida Senate, District 22 to replace Joe Gruters. District 22 encompasses all of Sarasota County and about one third of Manatee County. Vic believes FL should not seek a Convention of States, that control should be governed locally and medical freedom and informed consent are vital issues that must be addressed. He mentioned that both Byron Donalds and Paul Renner, Candidates for Governor of Florida, have both endorsed a Convention of States.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to Adjourn by Barbara Vaughn, Seconded by Randy Wedin

at 12:55 PM

SUBMITTED BY: Daniel Gauthier III, Secretary

APPROVAL DATE:

Member Tags distributed: 34

Guests: 2