## Hanover Republican Women's Club Membership Meeting- March 19, 2024 Anna's Italian Restaurant Mechanicsville, VA

Call to Order:

Welcome:

Invocation:

President Tywana Hampton

RPV Creed: Yvonne Broaddus

## RECOGNITION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CANDIDATES IN ATTENDANCE

Trip Chalkley Former Hanover County Commonwealth's Attorney

Mackenzie Babichenko

Buddy Fowler

Scott Wyatt

Hanover County Commonwealth's Attorney

Virginia House of Delegates, District 59

Virginia House of Delegates, District 60

Sean Davis Supervisor, Henry District

Wayne Hazzard Former Supervisor, South Anna District
Ryan Hudson Supervisor, Mechanicsville District
Mr. Via Former Supervisor, Ashland District

Tracey Goode and Daughter Sidney- Wife and Daughter of

Representative Bob Goode, VA 5TH DISTRICT/ US

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

<u>MINUTES-</u> Karen Starnes, Recording Secretary announced she had printed copies of the February 2024 Membership Meeting at each table for each member to review and a copy of the minutes are available at our website: <u>www.hrwomen.com</u>

<u>Treasurer's Report-</u>Bernie Cornelius presented the Treasurer's report as of 3/19/24 to the members in attendance. The report was available to all members at the tables. **Please see attached report.** 

<u>Treasurer Bernie Cornelius</u> presented the new budget for 2024. Nancy Russell moved we accept Budget as presented. Jenny Mundy seconded the motion and Membership passed and adopted said budget.

<u>Fran Sadler</u> reported for the Audit Committee, which she advised the Treasurer's books were found to be in good order for 2023 and in good standing.

<u>Corresponding Secretary-</u> Gerri Nolan reported that the HRWC had received a Thank-You card from Former Commonwealth's Attorney Tripp Chalkley for the club's contribution to the portrait he was given as a retirement gift.

<u>2nd Vice President-</u> Jill Soniker advised that Rose Sullivan had completed the paperwork for membership and the Club voted her in with an unanimous votes in the affirmative. Jill also advised we have two more Associate Members, Ms. Barbara Pendleton, and Mr. Todd Hampton. Ms. Pendleton will be a full member, as she does not belong to any other clubs.

<u>Community Services Coordinator-</u> Tabetha West reminded members of our donations to the Hanover Sheriff's Department this month.

HRWC FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE- Chair Nancy Russell advised of the Committee's meeting and announced current volunteers to the Committee as the following: Nancy Russel, Gerri Nolan, Liza Bradford, Nancy Flippen, Fran Sadler, Karen Starnes, Bernie Cornelius and Sue Cobb. President Tywana Hampton has asked The First Lady of Virginia, Mrs. Suzanne Youngkin to be our Keynote Speaker at the Fundraiser, but we have to find out through her scheduler if she will be able to attend. A definite date for the Fundraiser has not yet been decided. We do not want to schedule close to the Reagan Dinner sponsored by The Hanover County Republican Committee which will be in June 2024.

Scholarship Chairperson-President Tywana Hampton advised the deadline for applications to be turned in will be May 1st, 2024. She has been in contact with all the Public Schools. All Scholarship information is on the website: www.hrwomen.com and President Hampton asked for a Committee to be formed in order to read through the applications. The following members volunteered: Mrs. Gayle Stoneman, Ms. Yvonne Broadus and Mrs. Stephanie Chalkley.

<u>VFRW SPECIAL PROJECTS-</u> Liza Bradford reported that under the focus of "Americanism" Liza suggested that we change our focus from the USO, which we have donated to in the past, to another worthy Organization called <u>Paws for Purple Hearts</u>, which helps provide support Support Dogs for Veterans who have mobility and trauma challenges. They ask for money in order to pay for dog food, Vet Bills, Therapy,training and anything to help pay for the upkeep of the Service Dog. These monetary donations are tax deductible, as they are a 501C organization.

Liza reminded Club members to please sign the "Get Well" card being passed around for HRWC Club Member Elaine Martin as she is going through Radiation Therapy.

President Tywana Hampton recognized Nancy Russell as a Candidate for VFRW 2ND Vice President, and Sue Hughes and Liza Bradford also represent HRWC in the VFRW. The VFRW Convention is scheduled May 17-19 and will announce where it will be held as soon as possible, so members who want to attend can start making plans.

President Tywana Hampton introduced the Wife and Daughter of U.S. House of Representatives from Virginia's 5TH District, Bob Good. Mrs. Good and her daughter Sydney, shared information regarding Representative Good's upcoming Primary fight for reelection. They announced his Freedom Fighters Tour starting March 26th, 2024.

There will be a breakfast at 8:30 am at the Montpelier Center. Please contact Diana@Bobgoode.com to RSVP for Volunteer Opportunities.

Henry District Board of Supervisors, Sean Davis was our Auctioneer to raise funds. All items, including the donated Elephant Collection, by the Family of past HRWC Member Dorothy Klotz, were sold. Everyone enjoyed the fundraising event. Many thanks to Mr. Davis, who was very talented in calling out the bids!

<u>Announcements-</u> President Hampton reminded members that starting on May3rd -Early Voting starts and November 5th, 2024 is the **Presidential Election** so, make sure and VOTE!!!

President Hampton reminded everyone that our next meeting will be on April16, 2024.

<u>Speaker: Siobhan Dunnavant-</u> OB/GYN Physician and Former State Senator was introduced by our 2nd VP, Sue Cobb. Senator Dunnavant shared her views on Women's Healthcare and Politics. She shared the following points:

The availability of healthcare is very available in the state of VA.

The Affordable Healthcare Act provides ALL CONTRACEPTION FREE (even \$800 IUD-the most expensive IUD!)

Prenatal care falls short as comprehensive care is not given for Chronic diseases such as Diabetes, Obesity, Cardiac Issues, Psychological Disorders (Bipolar, Personality Issues, Drug Abuse); interesting to note there are no Psychiatrists that will see Medicaid patients.

Women of Color tend to have poorer outcomes if Chronic Diseases are not addressed along with their prenatal care.

The abortion Issue will always be an important Political voting point and the Republican Party needs to be clear as to their Abortion Platform. Since the 1980's, the Abortion rates have decreased as much as 50%. The viability for a Fetus used to be considered to be 28 weeks and that number has now decreased to 22 weeks.

<u>50/50 RAFFLE-</u> Jenny Mundy won the Raffle. Half of the \$60 total went to her and the other half went to our Community Service Project. Jenny donated her winnings to the Community Services Project.

Meeting Adjourned- By President Hampton

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen C. Starnes, HRWC Recording Secretary