

HRWC Membership Meeting
February 25, 2025
Anna's Restaurant/Mechanicsville, VA

Call to Order: President Tywana Hampton

Welcome to Members and Guests-Tywana

Invocation: Tywana

Pledge of Allegiance: All Members and guests

Mission Statement: Nancy Russel

RPV Creed: Member at Large

Recognition of Candidates and Officials and Past Officials; Scott Ryan, Ryan McDougal, Ryan Hudson, Sue Dibble, Danielle Floyd, Wayne Hazzard, and VFRW Reps:Sue Huges, Jenny Mundy, Nancy Russel and Liza Bradford.

Recording Secretary- Karen Starnes advised that copies of January's minutes were distributed to each table for members to review. Minutes were accepted as written.

Corresponding Secretary-Gerri Nolan advised there was no report. Tywana advised that Elaine Martin was given a Thank you note for the Christmas decorations.

2nd Vice President-Jill Soneker advised that Elaine Keats has filled out the application to join our Club and we need to vote on her. Liza Bradford made a motion to accept her application and Jenny Mundy seconded the motion. The Club voted unanimously to have her as a new Member. Lindsey Mathews has been sent a card acknowledging her status as a new Member.

Treasurer's Report- Bernie is out of Town and will update the balance at the next Executive meeting.

Community Service-Jenny Mundy reported for Tabetha that next month's donations would go to the 911 Operators and she will take the donations to them.

We will be doing another auction in March for the Club's treasury. Sean Davis has been gracious enough to volunteer to be the Auctioneer.

Scholarship News-Chair Cheri Kasch advised that the Applications have been revised and sent to all Hanover County Public and Private Schools. The deadline is March 30th to receive applications.

SPEAKER Robert Gurley is a Pastor and Chair of the Frederick Douglas Foundation and he spoke to the Club of his experiences of being a Black Conservative. He quoted, "the soft bigotry of low expectations" and a book written by Margaret Sangor titled, "The Negro Project". He gave an excellent talk and answered several questions by Club members. We hope he will be able to come back again.

Elaine Keats, new member of the HRWC spoke a few minutes about a project she is organizing and would like to offer any members interested in helping to join her in this endeavor. She is a retired Pharmaceutical Rep and her interest is in organizing Community involvement of Door Knocking Teams for the upcoming election. She wants teams to cover the entire County and she is footing the bill herself. She advised that there is a sign up sheet available at the back table.

ANNOUNCEMENTS- Liza Bradford and Sue Cobb spoke about the upcoming Convention May 16-18th held at the Short Pump Hilton. The theme will be, "MAKE VIRGINIA RED AGAIN!". Liza advised there are 45 Clubs in VA and further details to follow. Winsome Sears and Rob Wittman will be at the Saturday morning breakfast on the 17th. For Lt Governor, 2 of 3 candidates have confirmed and they are trying to get confirmation for the third. Delegates chosen from the Club have to be voted in and should be voted in at the March meeting. Scott Wyatt advised the 45 day session is over and 900 bills were passed. April 2nd the General Assembly will reconvene.

Jenny Carlson is working on our Americanism project and we will be collecting for the USO.

Finally, our 50/50 collected a total of \$78 and half will go to the 911 Operators.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Karen Starnes, HRWC Recording Secretary