Washington Federation of Republican Women
Minutes for Biennial Convention – October 17, 2020
Virtual Meeting

Call to Order: WFRW President Dee Drewry at 10:09 am

Invocation: Earl Moore, President, Ponderosa RW

Pledge: Peggy Tuttle, President, Evergreen RW

Welcome Message: Ann Schockett, NFRW President, delivered a video message.

Standing Rules: Roxanne Husmann, WFRW Standing Rules Chair, presented the Standing Rules for this virtual meeting. Colleen Wise moved to waive the reading of the Standing Rules. Motion carried. Carol Rob moved to adopt the Standing Rules. The vote passed to adopt the Standing Rules.

Approval of Minutes: Sharon Hanek, WFRW Recording Secretary, presented the minutes of the last Biennial Convention. Peggy Tuttle moved to accept the minutes as written. Karen Olson presented corrections. She recommended that the minutes be approved as corrected. Minutes as corrected were approved.

Credentials Report: Billie Jean Liedahl, WFRW Membership Secretary and Credentials Chair, presented the report, which included 67 voting members. There were 14 clubs represented. Billie Jean Liedahl verified that all clubs and voting members were confirmed in the Voter Science system.

WFRW Biennial Elections: Gail Pappacostas, Nominating Committee Chair, read the slate of nominees. President Dee Drewry invited other nominations. There being no further nominations, the slate was elected by acclimation.

The Executive Board: President Billie Jean Liedahl, 1st Vice President Sharon Hanek, 2nd Vice President Georgene Faries, 3rd Vice President Ellie Ownbey, Recording Secretary Colleen Wise, Membership Secretary Toni Whitmyre, and Treasurer Cindy Kadinger. Dee Drewry becomes the Immediate Past President and Roxanne Husmann is the Past President.

Installation: Eileen Sobjack, NFRW 1st Vice president and region 3 Director, installed the new officers of the WFRW.

RNC Update: Marlene Pfeifer, WSRP National Committeewoman, reported on the RNC meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina. She updated delegates on the funding and recruiting of national candidates.

NFRW Update: Eileen Sobjack NFRW 1st Vice President and Region 3 Director, reminded us that NFRW was celebrating its 75th anniversary. Although the anniversary could not be celebrated in person this year, they are hopeful that an event could be held next year. She talked about the investments in zoom meetings and NFRW campaign schools. Attendees were brought up to date on the NFRW professional business plan. She announced that the next convention location is Orlando, Florida.

Americanism: Sharon Krey, Americanism Chair, talked about the Suffragettes and recommended that every club promote the teaching of the Constitution.

Awards: Shirley Schreiber, Awards Chair, described the process of filling out the forms for awards and pointed out the resources on the NFRW website. She encouraged attendees to turn in their volunteer hours and gave examples of what to include. Volunteer hours can be entered directly on the website.

Caring for America: Sally Taylor, Caring for America Chair, encouraged attendees to turn in their hours for projects that support the military. The report is due May 15th.

Legislative: Georgene Faries, Legislative Chair, updated attendees on what the next session could look like. There could be no in-person meetings and numerous bills to raise taxes.

Announcements:

Colleen Wise, WFRW 1st Vice President, presented information on the next meeting, which will be April 16-17, 2021 at the Hilton Garden in Wenatchee. The Day at the Capitol is scheduled for March 8, 2021.

Georgene Faries and Sharon Hanek reminded attendees to help gather signatures for Initiative 1109, Common Sense Sex Ed.

Billie Jean Liedahl thanked delegates for electing her as the new WFRW President.

Elizabeth Kreiselmaier spoke about her campaign for 6th Congressional District Representative.

Sharon Krey announced the write-in campaigns of Joshua Freed for Lieutenant Governor and Marty McClendon for 10th Congressional District Representative.

There was a request for Ann Shockett's video to be posted on the WFRW website.

Roxanne Hussmann and Peggy Tuttle reported on the Culp Rally held in Sultan. Over 600 people attended.

President Dee Drewry thanked Lisa D'Andrea from Voter Science.

The meeting adjourned at 12:24 pm

Submitted by

Sharon Hanek WFRW Recording Secretary