

WFRW Fall Board of Directors Meeting

Speaker BIO's

Lynnwood, Washington

October 20-21, 2023



Coach Joe Kennedy, an eighteen-year Marine veteran, was an assistant coach for the Bremerton High School (BHS) varsity football team. Before he even coached his first game, the Marine-turned-football coach made a commitment to God that he would give thanks at the conclusion of each game for what the players had accomplished and for the opportunity to be part of their lives through football. This was met with disapproval from his school district and turned into a lengthy court battle. On June 27, 2022, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of Coach Kennedy and his First Amendment rights and on March 8, 2023, Coach Kennedy was officially reinstated as assistant coach and is excited to be back with his team. Joe and his wife, Denise, are parents to four and currently reside in Pensacola, FL. A film inspired by his life is in development. He continues to speak across the country promoting freedom of speech. Connect with him online at <https://coachjoekennedy.com/>.



Maria Sofia is the 4th Vice President of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women and serves as the Chair of the NFRW Youth Outreach Committee. She served as the Chairman of the Maryland Young Republicans from 2019 - 2021. She has been involved in Maryland politics since 2014, when she began volunteering for local races in Frederick County, MD. In 2016, she graduated from Mount St. Mary's University with Bachelor of Arts degrees in both Political Science and International Studies and minored in History. After graduation, she was the Deputy Field Director for the Amie Hoeber for Congress Campaign. In 2017, she began working for the Hogan Administration as a Special Assistant in the Governor's Office of Executive Services in Annapolis, Maryland. Maria has since volunteered and managed several campaigns. Most notably in 2018, where she assisted now State

Senator Mary Beth Carozza, who is the only Republican Woman in the Maryland State Senate. In 2021, she received her master's at Eastern Illinois University in Political Science with concentrations in Public Administration and Public Policy. Maria works for the Department of Planning as the Deputy Legislative Officer. Her hobbies include traveling, photography, and electing Republicans.