

Washington Federation of Republican Women

Minutes for Spring Board Meeting

April 29, 2023

Moses Lake, Washington

Call to Order: WFRW President Billie Jean Liedahl at 9:13 a.m.

Invocation: Liz Cline, President Clark County Club

Pledge of Allegiance: Susan Boisselle, President Yakima Club

Welcome and Introductions: WFRW President Billie Jean Liedahl

Roll Call: Janet Backe Recording Secretary. Quorum met with 28 voting members – 5 proxies

Approval of November 19, 2022 Biennial Convention Minutes: hearing no additions or corrections the minutes were approved as registered.

Presentation of Standing Rules: Dallas Parr, Vice President Columbia Club

The reading of The Standing Rules was not waived because of the new club presidents.
The Rules were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon Hanek presented the WFRW treasurer's report and discussed the increase for the WFRW's travel to meetings and the details of collecting WFRW dues.

First Vice President's Report: Teri Sinclair reviewed location and details for the October 20th/21st 2023 WFRW Fall BOD meeting to be held at the Hilton Embassy Suites in Lynnwood, WA. Teri is researching locations for the 2024 Spring BOD meeting locations. If any member has suggestions, please contact Teri.

Second Vice President's Report: Cindi White summarized information about the WFRW monthly president's zoom meetings held the fourth Saturday of the month 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. The zoom meetings provide training and development for club presidents.

Third Vice President's Report: Ellie Ownbey was traveling and unable to attend. Angela Dye, Chelan Douglas President stepped in to present Ellie's report. Clubs were not asked to bring baskets this year, but she thanked the Silverdale-Seabeck Club for bringing one. Angela asked members to participate in the 50/50 raffle and thanked Grant County President, Linda Bishop for organizing the silent auction.

Membership Secretary's Report: Cindy Kadinger reported 1,095 WFRW members. The clubs with the highest enrollments were:

#1 Clark County - 122 members, #2 Ponderosa - 107 members, #3 Skagit – 91 members.

President's Report: Billie Jean Liedahl thanked everyone for attending and advised club presidents to be sure they received their copy of the book she distributed at check-in, "Better Angels" from the NFRW Literacy Committee. She reminded proxy members to pick up a copy of the book for their president.

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President's Report (continued): BYLAWS - Billie Jean summarized the importance of club bylaws. She encouraged club presidents to go to the WFRW website resource page and download a copy of the bylaws and review. New and important items have been added. Be sure that WFRW has a copy of your club's bylaws. Every club's bylaws, once approved, will be put in the "Dropbox". If you have questions or need more information, contact Bylaw's Chair, Karen Olson.

OLD BUSINESS:

Day at the Capitol – Co-Chairs Dee Drewery and Colleen Wise (see attached report)

Dee presented information as to why the February 2023 Day at the Capital event was canceled.

1. Not enough registrations early enough to break even.
2. Most state representatives could not be available to speak due to the fact that this year's date ended up being the same day that bills were to be cut off. Dee stated that she and Colleen have to reserve the date a year in advance and there is no way of knowing about the schedule of the legislative bills.
3. Dee and Colleen put the question to the presidents – has "The Day at the Capitol" run its course? A survey will be sent out. Colleen suggested that individual clubs could consider going on their own. Colleen stated this is how "The Day at the Capitol" began. Her club used to do this and then it became a WFRW event.
4. Save the date - FEBRUARY 29 is set for the 2024 WFRW Day at the Capitol.

NEW BUSINESS:

WSRP National Committeewoman: Marlene Pfeifer: Marlene gave a RNC update on spring training sessions, election integrity ballot protection, training and recruitment of poll workers, being more visible in Hispanic community centers. Marlene reported that the Democrats outspent Republicans in most races and encouraged everyone to VOTE EARLY. Marlene serves on the National Debate Committee. The first presidential debate will be held in Milwaukee, and the second debate will be held in Reagan Center. RNC will ask for a "Loyalty Pledge" from all candidates.

ELECTION OF WFRW'S AT-LARGE DELEGATES TO THE NFRW CONVENTION:

10:56 a.m. - The process for nomination at-large delegates and alternates was explained to the voting members. Based on the WFRW total membership, there will be 7 at-large delegates and 7 alternates to be chosen for the NFRW Convention. Each club has one automatic delegate. Expenses to attend the NFRW were reviewed.

Roxanne Husmann moved to accept all names nominated as delegates. Colleen Wise seconded the motion. All approved.

Dee Drewery advised delegates to notify President Billie Jean if unable to attend. The executive committee will find a substitute.

At-Large Delegates: Jan Grayhek (Ponderosa) Ann Koopman (East Pierce) Donna Russell (Stevens) Shannon Motley (Chelan Douglas) Dallas Parr (Columbia Basin) Sharon Nelson (Lakewood) Dana Ledford (North Whidbey).

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Membership Chair, Cindy Kadinger presented a slide show that included the history of WFRW club membership numbers and dues. Currently every club pays \$25 for each member, WFRW keeps \$5 - \$20 to WFRW. Dee Drewery discussed how to increase the club membership. Members praised the slide show and a suggestion was made to send the slide show to club presidents.

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Americanism: Sharon Krey, Chair – Sharon urged everyone to be nosy, research and teach others. Things to teach – Constitutional Corner, go to the WFRW website and click on “We the People” for lessons.

Bylaws: Karen Olson, Chair – see attached copy

Campaign: Chris Stephens, Chair – see attached copy

Resolutions: Sandi Peterson, Chair – see attached copy

Emergency Resolution to oppose SB 5599 (submitted by Sharon Hanek).

Moved to accept as presented, Sandi Peterson, Second, Angela Dye.

Emergency Resolution to Honor Rep. J.T. Wilcox

Courtesy Resolution Supporting the “Keep Nine Amendment”

Moved to accept as presented, Sandi Peterson, Second, Colleen Wise

Scholarship: Dee Drewry, Chair – see attached copy

Website: Candi In-Hout, Chair – see attached copy

THANK YOUS:

President Billie Liedahl thanked:

Glen Morgan

Dr. Linnea McCord – Keynote Speaker

Linda Bishop and Grant County Republican Women’s club for the table decorations and the swag bags

Washington Potato Commission’s Marketing Director (Linda Bishop’s niece)

3rd WFRW VP, Ellie Ownbey, Fundraising

Ponderosa Republican Women and President, Earl Moore for the “Commitment to America” brochure

Jeannette Sumpter Editor of Directory

Candy In-Hout – Media Technician

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2024 WFRW Day at the Capitol: February 29th

NFRW BOD & Biennial Convention: September 28 – October 1, 2023 – Oklahoma City, OK

WFRW Fall BOD – October 20-21 – Lynnwood Embassy Suites

Other Announcements for the good of the federation: Ponderosa Garden Party, July 18th. PRW.org

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Janet Backe – WFRW Recording Secretary