**MINNESOTA FEDERATION REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

**Board Meeting**

**July 11, 2015**

Attendance: Margaret Flower, Kathie Roberts, Janan Sharpe, Bea Kehr, Therese Vaughn, Rachel Hart, Maureen Krumrey, Marie Thurn, Monica Jensen, Carla Bayerl, Deb Kaczmarek, Cindy Anderson, Sue Ek, Jennifer Wilson, Beverly Aplikowski, Marge Gruenes, Janet Beihoffer, Pat Meisner, Jennette Gudgel

Meeting was called to order by Marge Gruenes with a welcome and thanks to the Duluth club for hosting the meeting.

Jennifer Wilson led the group in prayer.

Rachel Hart led the Pledge of allegiance.

Minutes were approved as presented with the addition of the results of the SWAT exercise at the last Board Meeting.

Treasurer’s report was presented by Beverly Aplikowski.

Balance 4/23/15 $5,015.65

Income 1,275.00

Expenses 2,278.50

Ending Balance 4,012.15

Filed for audit – moved and passed

Membership:

Capital 10

Central 23

Duluth 99

Greater MN 13

Metro 84

North Metro 7

SWCRW?

TOTAL 234

**PRESIDENTS REPORT** copy of email

President Marge Gruenes reported that SWest Metro club is meeting on the third Saturday of the month and the NW Metro club is meeting the second Thursday night.

Pam Myhra, Membership Chair is collaborating and having success in developing new clubs.

There has been followup on people who did not rejoin this year

Sent letters with personal notes to encourage them 103

We want to network statewide

An effort to target areas where there are new House Members

Marge noted real pride of the 60,000 volunteer hours given by MFRW the last two years.

She wondered how we can get everyone to keep track of all their hours

Three members, Pam Myhra, Mary Ann Sexton and Marge attended the Regional Workshop in Lincoln, Neb.

She noted that it was good to hear what other clubs and states are doing

The National Convention will be in Phoenix AZ Sept 10-13. The National Convention will be at the Phoenix Marriott Desert Resort and Spa

She wants to encourage others to go.

Full information can be found on the website.

Marge shared a fundraising idea from NE – window cleaner cloth.

**CLUB PRESIDENTS** – notes on reports

GREATER MINNESOTA - Annette Meeks was a speaker as well as a Health Care specialist

Picnic-July 14—annual event

DULUTH **-** Dr. Wally Avello – Cubian before and after Castro

Common Core speakers – invited other local clubs

Reaching out to church women

Micro funding – book sale – no prices - $300 on used books

Membership is aging

Need to say why we’re doing this – distinguish from Nat’l Party

Has made cards and invites people

City Council – possible new candidate

CAPITOL - MEPs

Speakers: Twila B., AndyCelik

Picnic this month

Sharna Walgren groing to run again

Focus on Barbara Bush literacy project

Will adopt a military family for Christmas

Helped a Somalian woman who is a Republican

Community outreach to grow the group

METRO –Book marks and bags to new members and visitors

Adopt a highway – name recognition

Work with Veterans – school supplies in backpacks

Upcoming -Pizza beer and politics - gun club – and pig roast

Wine and art silent auction– state capital painting by members featured

Younger members doing additional things

Conservative book club – meets every other month

Speakers - Andy Ceilik, Czech speaker, Twila,

Central – Make paracord bracelets for military

Taking the summer off. Will be starting in September

**Bea Kehr** has the contact information for the man who is doing the stone carving on the capital.

**District Reports**

#2 – Has challenges for leadership…..cancelled fundraiser

Need to prepare for the caucus – March 1

**AFFILIATE REPORT –** Jennette Gudgel reported on the quarterly meeting of affiliates as well as observations at the State Executive Republican Party meeting.

**Janet Beihoffer** noted that 25% Evangelicals voted in the last election

She described the way National delegates will be chosen for the Convention

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Approval of 5 Statewide delegates at the NFRW convention Sept. 10-13

MFRW has eleven slots

Each club is allowed 1 delegate

Clubs need to notify Marge of their delegate ASAP- by August 5th

Bea Kehr, immediate Past President, Marge Gruenes, Curent President and Pam Myhra, Membership Chair will attend.

The $2,000 in the budget will pay for registrations

1. Website Protocol – Monica Jensen

Our website needs to mirror what we are saying

Monica passed out a draft of guidelines

Information about Republican Candidates,

Objectives of the organization.

Facebook also needs these standards

There is need for a PR Committee

Monica Jensen, Christina Norman, as well as recommendation from clubs

1. MFRW Fundraising Plan – Jennette Gudgel

A plan to approach specific MFRW current and past members for major donations of $500 and $1,000 was presented

Formeraly known as the “Lady Slipper Club”

1. Tribute to Women – since 1997

Committee – each club nominates someone

Letter will be sent to club presidents

Committee decides and the award is given at the Oct. 3rd Convention

Work done on line

Committee Members: Nancy Thompson, Margaret Flower, Jennifer

Wilson, Cindy Anderson, Jennette Gudgel, Maureen Krumrey

1. MFRW Convention Program – Oct 3rd - St. Cloud 9:30 – 3pm Tuscan Center kitty corner from Holiday Inn on Hwy 15

Suggestions for break-out workshops:The Federation and Election Judges

Key Note Speakers will be around MN legislative issues….

1. Building membership and achievement awards through service

MFRW totaled 60,000 points over the last biennium

1. State Convention Committee Chairs:

Arrangements – Monica Jensen

Program – Deb Kaczmarek

Registration – Colette Jorgenson

By-Laws – Margaret Flower and Jean Haskell

Nominations – Maureen Krumrey

Parliamentarian – Beverly Aplikowski

Convention Call mailing – Mary Ann Sexton

It was decided that each club should have three entrees for the silent auction

**Parting Thoughts**

Marge went over the yellow calendar listing upcoming Federation events and reminded the group of the importance of keeping track of our hours. She thanked the group for what each has done for membership and noted 2016 is a crucial year. More and more people who know what’s happening will make a difference. We need to support Republicans.

Janet Beihoffer showed handmade elephants made by Hmong women. She will be happy to order them for clubs. She needs to know before October.

Reminder that all names as delegates and alternates to the State MFRW Convention are due to Marge by Sept 1. Call needs to be US mailed not just emailed.

Meeting adjourned. Submitted by Jennette Gudgel Secretary