

MINNESOTA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN
Thirty-sixth Biennial State Convention
October 19, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 9:46 by President, Beatrice Kehr.
Marge Gruenes gave the invocation
Jennifer Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance
Debra Kaczmarek led singing the Star Spangled Banner

Credentials report – Rosella

	Attending	Delegates	Alternates
Capital	4	4	
Central	3	3	
East Central	3	3	
Duluth	14	16	2
Metro	10	16	
McLeod	2	2	
	44 Voting		

Rules Committee – Sue Ek noted the rules are listed in the packet and asked for questions. There being none, the rules were accepted as written.

Minutes of the October 22, 2011 convention were approved as written.

Presidents Report

Diamonds are forever – National theme
Color, cut, clarity, etc. related the Federation

Treasurer's Report

Minnesota has 279 members and \$222.60 in Treasury at this time.

Bylaws Committee – Marge Gruenes reported that the changes in the bylaws is in delegates' packets. Article 4, Section 2 gives the Executive Committee the responsibility of appointing the Treasurer for up to three terms. Discussion. Passed.

An informal skipe talk with Martha Jenkins, National Federation Region 5 director and member of executive committee, talked about NFRW organization and the committee structure. Anyone can become a member. Committees meet through email, conference calls, etc. and come together at Board meeting.

Martha also talked about her job with Governor of North Carolina. The state is now totally Republican, including the Supreme Court; the first time since reconstruction.

There was also opportunity for the audience to have a Q & A session. Bea noted that the web site has a great deal of information.

Resolutions Committee – Chris Jacobson called for resolutions.

Sherry Wallace presented a resolution opposing MN HF 826, the anti-bullying bill and related Senate bills. Janet Biehooffer noted that this bill is discriminatory, anonymous, unsafe, unfunded and unfair.

Resolution to Minnesota Federation of Republican Women

Whereas the awareness that bullying of all kinds, in the workplace and schools, especially cyber-bullying is hurtful and should be stopped;

Whereas the current bullying bill in the Minnesota House and Senate allows anonymous reporting and indirect confrontations and long lasting registration at the State Department of Education and the funding for training and paperwork of this bill is not sustainable;

Whereas bullying should be confronted directly and immediately by each one of us, primarily as parents, but also as teachers, friends, co-workers and neighbors as a direct correction of negative, personal and disrespectful actions;

Whereas MFRW opposes all forms of bullying as detrimental to children and adults;

Be it resolved that MFRW strongly opposes MN HF 826, the anti-bullying bill and related Senate bills if different as discriminatory, anonymous, unsafe, unfunded and unfair

The resolution was discussed and passed. It was noted that it is important that a copy of the resolution go to our MN legislators as well as to NFRW.

Jean Castle presented:

Whereas: well designed standards of educational performance, are essential to students' future success and to the proper evaluation of teachers and schools and school administrators,

Be it resolved that the Democrat House's recent legislation eliminating these standards is destructive and must be overturned.

Discussed. Passed.

Mary Ann Sexton presented:

In the future all MFRW resolutions will be submitted prior to the convention, and will be available in printed or displayed during discussion.

Discussed, Passed.

Bea directed the attention to the handout from the National Convention in Sept. The concern is the lack of young women involved in the Federation.

Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of officers:

President	Marge Grunes
First Vice President	Cindy Anderson
Second Vice President	Jennifer Wilson
Secretary	Jennette Gudgel

There being no nominations from the floor, the slates was approved by the body.

Marge Gruenes thanked Bea Kehr for her four years of service as MFRW President. She also noted that Republican Women need to be part of a team effort. Building the Federation builds the Republican Party. She also noted that we need to be sure that Nancy Pelosi is never speaker of the House again!

Nancy Thompson shared her experience of the 2013 National Convention memories with us.
Rosella Dambowy, Maueen Krumrey, and Marge Gruenes also shared their memories.

President Bea Kehr recognized Janet Beihoffer and Diana Bratlie for their work for election integrity. Diana shared her Walk the Dog Letters program.

Marilyn Hagel received the Volunteer Award for the more than 5,000 hours she put in on the Chip Cravak election campaign

The following women were nominated by their clubs for the Tribute to Women award:

- Rosella Dambowy – Central Republican Women
- Marilyn Haglund – Duluth Republican Women
- Lauralynn Stanton – East Central Republican Women
- Sherie Wallace – Metro Republican Women

Margaret Flower announced Sherrie Wallace was winner.

Certificate for hours of service were presented to:

- Gold award –Metro Republican Women
- Silver- McLoed Republican women
- Bronze – Central Republican women
- Bronze – Duluth Republican Women

Congressional Districts met in groups to elect representatives.

The convention adjourned and members enjoyed a Recognition Luncheon. Bea Kehr was presented a beautiful centerpiece of fresh flowers for her work as out-going president.

Submitted by,

Jennette Gudgel
Secretary