



# MARYLAND FEDERATION *of* Republican Women

## Fall Board of Directors Meeting October 31, 2020 Minutes:

**Call to Order:** – 10:06am -- via Zoom

**Prayer:** Loretta Shields, 1<sup>st</sup> VP

**Pledge:** Patti Witham, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP

**Video:**

**Guest Speaker:** Martha Jenkins NFRW 4<sup>th</sup> President and Region 7 Director

**Officers In attendance:** (8/9) Diana Waterman, Loretta Shields(1<sup>st</sup> VP), Patti Witham (3<sup>rd</sup> VP), Luanne Ruddell (4<sup>th</sup> VP), Sharon Carrick, Anne White, (Rec Secy), Mary Coombs (Corres. Secy), Cynthia Steuart (Asst.Treas), plus Carol Randall (Past Pres)

**Absent:** (3) Marie Fischer (2<sup>nd</sup> VP), Sharon Bauer (Montgomery), Robin Frazier(Western), Anne Koutsoutis, Marilyn A

**Regional Chairs:** (4) Vanessa Alban (Eastern Shore), Linda Stine-Flint (Northern), Chris Ronk (Central), Carolyn Gill (Southern)

**Clubs Represented:** (21) RW of Frederick, Garrett Co RWC, RW of Taneytown, Chesapeake RW, Midshore League of RW, RW of Worcester, Chevy Chase RWC, Potomac WRC, Rural WRC, Upper Montgomery RWC, Harford Co RW, Howard Co RW, RW of Baltimore Co, RW of Carroll Co, RW of Cecil Co, Patuxent RW, Severna Park RWC, RW Leaders of Calvert Co, RW of Calvert Co, RW of Charles Co, RW of St. Mary's Co

**Clubs not represented:** (6), Allegany Co RW, Caroline County RWC, Wicomico Conservative Women, Hopkins WRC, RW of Anne Arundel County, MD Republican Women Leaders

**Standing Committees Represented:** (6/8) Bylaws, Finance, Fundraising, Legislative, Membership, and Programs

**Proxies received:** none

**Report of Proxy and Roll Call:** Anne White, Recording Secretary

- 21/ 27 active clubs represented
- 9/9 officers
- 4/6 regions represented
- 36 people attending

**Quorum established:** 21 of 27 clubs represented, including 0 proxies; 6 clubs absent

**Written Regional Reports received from:** Carolyn Gill (Southern)

**Presentation and Adoption of Rules of Order:**

- Anne White referred to Meeting Rules sheet, adopted by acclamation

**Recording Secretary's Report – Anne White**

- Minutes of the May, 2020 Spring Board of Directors meeting were approved

**Treasurer's Report – Account Balances as of 10/27/2020**

- \$50,797- WF Checking, savings, and closed clubs

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- \$140,687 - Legacy Fund
- \$767 - Legacy checking
- \$192,960 - Total all accounts
- Approved and filed for Audit
- Adoption of the 2021 Budget
- Legacy Fund Investment Report

#### **Assistant Treasurer's Report: Cynthia Steuart, Diana Waterman**

- 27 active Clubs in good standing
- The 2 clubs that were below the minimum now have the sufficient number of members
- 1297 paid members
- Possible new club in Clarksburg area
- Wish list for new clubs: Baltimore City and Washington County
- Plan to use 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of MFRW to grow clubs

#### **Executive Committee Reports:**

- President – Diana Waterman
  - Commended club presidents who have continued with fundraising efforts, meetings, campaign activities, support for summer raffles(\$3729 proceeds)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Meg Carpenter has resigned due to an impending move to Florida
  - 4<sup>th</sup> VP position will be filled by Luann Ruddell
  - Krista Kniesler is also moving to WV in January – Carol Randall will continue with Bay Club and *Trumpeter*- anyone who can assist with these activities is welcomed
- 1st VP – Loretta Shields – N/R
- 2nd VP – Marie Fischer – N/R
- 3rd VP -- Patti Witham – Fall Convention planned for Nov 14<sup>th</sup>-- Leadership scheduled for January 9th at Bowie Comfort Inn and will include an online option for attendance if necessary
- 4th VP – Luanne Ruddell – ratified

#### **Reports of Standing and Special Committees:**

- **Bylaws** – Linda Stine-Flint – report on website – includes 4 Bylaws Amendments to be voted at Convention
  - Request to create Bylaws email address for communications to Bylaws committee
- **Campaign:** Anne Koutsoutis – N/A
- **Finance:** Dee Hodges – N/A
- **Fundraising:** Cynthia – selected live auction item for Convention – Patriotic Angel
- **Legislative:** Ella Ennis – submitted draft of priorities to present for approval at Convention
  - redistricting
  - opposed 1300 (Kirwin Funding)
  - crime bills
- **Membership:** Julie Krieger – stopped processing registrations for 2020
  - new registrations for 2021 can be accepted and credited for 2021
  - Garrett County – several activities and contests partnered with Central Committee
  - Alleghany County – parades and excitement for recruiting new members
  - Open Forum – contacting interested persons individually
  - Harford County – business cards and membership applications
  - Chesapeake RW participates with Central Committee hosted Trump parade
- **Programs:** Patti Witham – programs coming up for 2021 – clubs gearing up for 2022
  - Program to teach new members how all the pieces of the Republican Party works and is interconnected – seeking ideas to be submitted
  - Programs for the 100<sup>th</sup> celebration
  - Presentation of history of MFRW – Diana project
  - From Sharon – conference calls – monthly – like NFRW does

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- Updating the history booklet – include the recent years
- **Public Relations:** Marie Fischer – N/A
- **Americanism:** Jean Hruz N/A
- **Awards:** Sylvia Darrow
  - Will send certificates for awards electronically
  - Working on pins for the banners instead of patches
- **Bay Club:** Krista Kniesler
  - Will have something for in-person members for Convention
- **Caring for America:** Anne Rutherford
  - New flyer for “Potential Me” – Kim Klacik’s foundation collection professional clothes for getting started in the workforce
- **Leadership:** Carol Randal
  - Interest in forming clubs in Democratic areas
- **Literacy:** Kathy Morin N/A
- **Political Education** – Loretta Shields
  - find candidates to run in 2022 to be trained during 2021
  - education programs in place for candidates, campaign managers, volunteer, etc.
- **Trumpeter:** Carol Randall
  - Fall issue available at Convention
  - Please send materials for *Trumpeter* to Carol Randall
- **Voter Registration:** Marilyn –N/A

**Closing: Halloween Video**

Meeting was adjourned 12:01

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne White, Recording Secretary