5 Feb 2026

Call to Order: 6:00pm, **Stan Jandura**, Vice-President

Invocation: **George Oedsma**

Pledge of Allegiance: **George Oedsma**

Reports: (approved & accepted)

Treasurer Report for January: **David Farrow** submitted Report for Audit.(NA)

Approval of Minutes: **Christa Waite** Secretary (Please Sign In) NA

Student Essay Contest **Jean Kimball:**

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The meeting addressed club activity updates, financial audits, and community engagement, with a strong focus on upcoming essay contests and legislative issues impacting land development. Key decisions included approving the treasurer's report, organizing essay contest logistics, and mobilizing community support for legislative amendments. The group discussed the impact of proposed bills on local governance, property tax reforms, and the need for increased activism to protect community interests.

📋 Outline

1. Club Updates and Financial Status • 0:01:09

- The club currently holds a balance of $536.39, with no deposits made in the previous month.
- An audit is underway, and volunteers are requested to verify the audit results at the next meeting.
- A motion was passed to approve both the treasurer's report and the minutes from the previous meeting.

2. Email Communication System • 0:04:32

- A new email system has been implemented to improve communication among club members, with designated roles for distributing information.
- Members have the option to unsubscribe from the email list, and new subscribers can join via a provided link.

3. Essay Contest Collaboration with Schools • 0:06:02

- Dr. Barber from the school board has agreed to support the essay contest, providing topics that align with the school curriculum.
- The contest aims to collect approximately 54 essays from seven high schools and 11 middle schools, with submissions due by April.
- Volunteers are needed to review and grade the essays, with plans to meet outside regular club meetings for this purpose.

4. Legislative Issues on Land Development • 0:14:08

- A speaker presented updates on Florida legislation affecting land development, emphasizing the importance of citizen activism.
- Concerns were raised about diminishing local government authority and the impact of recent laws favoring developers.
- The need for proactive community engagement and communication with representatives was stressed to address these legislative challenges.

5. Legislative Challenges and Community Response • 0:30:59

- Multiple counties and cities have initiated lawsuits against the state over laws impacting local governance and development.
- A $900,000 study revealed that 40% of North County residents participated, expressing a desire to preserve rural character and improve infrastructure, but their feedback was disregarded by county commissioners.
- The state legislature has shown little support for local interests, as evidenced by their lack of responsiveness.

6. Senate Bill 840 Overview • 0:32:05

- Senate Bill 840, co-sponsored by Senators Mayfield and Don Gates, seeks to address issues from a previous bill but does not fully resolve all concerns.
- The bill has passed several committees and requires community advocacy to ensure necessary amendments are made before reaching the Senate floor.
- Community members are encouraged to contact their senators and representatives to support the bill and its proposed amendments.

7. House Bill 1465 Concerns • 0:34:38

- House Bill 1465, sponsored by Representative Andrade, is considered to exacerbate the problems addressed in Senate Bill 180.
- There is potential for language from Senate Bill 840 to be incorporated into House Bill 1465, contingent on community advocacy.

8. Call to Action for Community Support • 0:35:55

- Community members are urged to encourage the Republican Executive Committee (REC) to pass a resolution supporting amendments to the bills.
- A coordinated effort is needed to mobilize emails and support from local organizations to influence legislative outcomes.

9. Future Legislative Trends • 0:37:05

- Upcoming legislation, such as the Live Local Act, may further centralize control over local development, restricting county authority to reject development applications.
- New bills propose allowing accessory dwellings without local approval, which could significantly alter community character.

10. Property Tax Reform Discussion • 0:49:07

- Concerns were expressed about the potential elimination of property taxes, which could lead to increased reliance on sales tax and centralization of funding in Tallahassee.
- The group discussed the need for transparency regarding the funding of essential services if property taxes are removed.

11. Community Mobilization and Activism • 0:59:39

- Community members are encouraged to engage in activism by making phone calls, sending emails, and participating in petitions to influence local governance.
- The importance of increasing community involvement in local politics and legislative processes was emphasized, especially during an election year.

The minutes of the previous meetings were approved as written posted on our website https://conservativesrc.com/

Minutes Approved Sherry Chapman and Wayne Smiley

Motion to Adjourn Bill Marquardt and Donna Long

Public Link:

https://webapp.sembly.ai/minutes-public/72n-4d2c319b5868a227a113f5c240e2d793cc1dc512

Stan Jandura keep up-to-date with events for this and other groups at the **ConservativeSRC.com** portal.

Next Meeting

Thursday, 5 March 2026 at **5:30pm at Santa Rosa County Chamber of Commerce**

Stan Jandura,
Santa Rosa County Republican Club President

CEW/sj