



2 January 2025

Call to Order: 6:03pm, **Bill Marquardt**, President

Invocation: **Jean Kimball**

Pledge of Allegiance: **George Oedsma**

Reports: (approved & accepted)

Treasurer Report for November: **Astrid Levins** , submitted Report for Audit.(NA)

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

Student Essay Contest **Jean Kimball**: ... Essays can now be uploaded directly to the essay website <https://essay.help4software.com/submitessay.php>

Summary: Our Jan 2, 2025 meeting included a "Meet & Greet" of Candidates and a Vigil for the J6er's. Minutes were recorded and reproduced using an AI agent for the first time. They have been incorporated into these minutes below. They will be posted on our website.

AI Report

✦ Highlights

- The meeting opened with a prayer thanking for the success of the last election and seeking guidance for future elections.
- An essay contest was announced for students in Santa Rosa County, encouraging participation and potential extra credit from teachers.
- The meeting featured discussions on political candidacies and personal backgrounds of various speakers, emphasizing their commitment to community and key issues.
- Several candidates highlighted their stances on education, cost of living, and veterans' support, reflecting their priorities for the upcoming election.
- The meeting featured discussions on various legislative initiatives, emphasizing the importance of common-sense policies.

- Joel Rudman highlighted his record of filing bills aimed at election integrity and Second Amendment rights, claiming endorsements from significant political organizations.
- The speaker expressed confidence in winning the upcoming election, drawing parallels between his campaign and past successes.



Key Updates

- Candidates for the Florida House District 3 introduced themselves, sharing their backgrounds and key issues they plan to address if elected, including election integrity, insurance crises, and veterans' affairs.
- Candidates shared personal stories and experiences that shaped their political views, including their involvement in local issues and community service.
- Emphasis was placed on the importance of education reform and addressing the cost of living, particularly regarding insurance premiums.
- Gene Valentino shared his experience in economic development, mentioning the creation of 15,000 jobs through incentives for Navy Federal Credit Union.
- Valentino emphasized the need for improved veteran healthcare services and proposed a system to address the high rate of veteran suicides.



Interactive Q&A

- John Mills, running for U.S. Congress, expressed a desire to hear community concerns and emphasized his commitment to veterans' issues and border security.
- Michael Dylan Thompson discussed his personal background and outlined his agenda focused on veterans' resources, education reform, and economic recovery.
- A candidate addressed rumors about their political affiliations and clarified their stance on various social issues, inviting questions from the audience.
- Questions regarding border security and military collaboration were discussed, with candidates emphasizing the need for a collaborative approach.
- An audience member questioned Joel Rudman's confidence in his campaign, to which he responded by asserting his commitment to the community and his political stance.
- Another audience member challenged Rudman on his previous comments about cybersecurity, leading to a heated exchange.



Recognition And Gratitude

- Candidates were recognized for their commitment to public service and their willingness to engage with the community on important issues.
- Candidates expressed gratitude towards the audience for their support and participation, acknowledging the importance of community engagement in the political process.
- Recognition was given to the Republican Club for hosting the event and to individuals who have faced challenges, such as political prisoners.

- The meeting concluded with expressions of pride for all candidates stepping up to run for office, highlighting the community's engagement in the political process.



Future Projections

- Candidates outlined their visions for the future, focusing on addressing local issues such as insurance rates, veterans' care, and educational reforms.
- Candidates outlined their future objectives, including legislative goals related to education, veterans' affairs, and economic policies aimed at reducing inflation.
- There was a collective call for community involvement in the upcoming elections, encouraging voters to engage with candidates.
- Upcoming events include a fish fry on January 7th and a rally featuring various speakers, aimed at energizing supporters for the upcoming election.
- A quarterly meeting is scheduled for January 9th in Orlando, focusing on election machine testing.



Decisions And Announcements

- The meeting highlighted the upcoming election on January 28th, urging attendees to research candidates thoroughly and participate in the electoral process.
- A candidate announced their resignation from a previous position to focus on their campaign, highlighting their commitment to serving the community.
- The meeting concluded with a call to action for attendees to support their preferred candidates in the upcoming election on January 28th.
- The meeting included announcements of various campaign events and initiatives, reinforcing the candidates' commitment to community engagement and transparency.
- The importance of addressing veteran healthcare and economic incentives for the panhandle was emphasized as a priority moving forward.
- The only announcement made was regarding a scheduling detail for an event on the 9th of January, which will start at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

Bill Marquardt keep up-to-date with events for this and other groups at the ConservativeSRC.com portal.

Next Meeting

Thursday, 6 February, 2025 at 6:00pm at The Hangar American Grill.

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