**Scott County Republican Women**

Minutes 1-9-17

Biaggi’s Ristorante Italiano, 5195 Utica Ridge Rd, Davenport

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 by President Judy Hilgenberg with 55 members and guests present. Judy welcomed the group to the new venue and asked for guests to be introduced. Jessica Chaon gave the invocation, Jeanne Christensen led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Ruth Johnson read the minutes of the December meeting which were approved as read.

Chris Cournoyer presented the treasurer’s report visually. She briefly explained the dues structure: $10 to IFRW, $8 to NRFW, and $7.00 per member for our Chapter. We keep the entire dues of Associate Members and we thank them for joining. The treasurer’s report was filed for audit.

Jeanne Christensen distributed valentines to be signed, and will see that they are presented to veterans for Valentine’s Day. Judy directed the tables to the Lunch buffet.

After lunch, Judy Hilgenberg called the meeting back to order. She introduced Jodi Hoogland, our new Chair of Literacy. Jodi invited members to sign up to work with her on the literacy committee. Pat Siemsen asked members to turn in their Campaign Volunteer hours on the form she would hand out at the end of the meeting.

Audrey Zoeckler suggested a book donation in memory of Mary Lou Heninger, a longtime member who has renewed her 2017 membership for both she and her husband. Mary Lou passed away December 24, 2016. Visitation will be at Weerts Funeral Home January 17, 2017 from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M.

Michelle Crawford introduced Judy Davidson, Scott County Chair of the Central Committee since 2009. She will be stepping down from this leadership position January 30, 2017. Judy highlighted repeatedly the importance of the SCRW support of all the necessary campaign activities: helping to fill 350 Poll Watchers, 300 Delegates, phone callers, door knockers, and mailings--- over1700 different volunteer spots. Judy’s journey as Chairwoman began with the Central Committee financially in the red. The outstanding success of the Reagan Dinners has allowed her to leave a very substantial start up fund for the new Scott County Central Committee administration. She received a standing ovation.

Judy Hilgenberg brought the meeting to a close reminding us that 2017 memberships are past due. Our next meeting will be February 13 here at Biaggi’s, speaker Steve Grubbs. Visit our website and like us on Facebook.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Johnson

Secretary