**Sandoval County Federation of Democratic Women**

**MINUTES**

**Sunday, March 26, 2019 – 2:00pm**

1. Call to Order

***Meeting called to order by chair, Alexandria (Alex) Piland around 2:15pm***

1. US Pledge and NM Pledge
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

***Minutes from December 2, 2018 meeting were approved.***

1. Treasurer’s Report

***The January 2019 Treasurer’s Report showing a balance of $1,239.52 was accepted.***

1. Introductions and welcome members and special guests
	1. Commissioner F. Kenneth Eichwald
	2. Mitchell Freedman, Esq.
2. Unfinished Business – Reports from Action Teams
	1. Bylaws

***Reviewed by Committee Chair Patricia Cruz and Committee Member Lisa Paz in coordination with state chair Pam Cordova. Suggestions have been made and these will go out to the membership in a few weeks so that all can read before the June meeting.***

* 1. Mission Project – Homeless Project

***Committee Chair Leah Baczkiewicz reported that they will contact social workers in the Rio Rancho schools who in turn will identify homeless or near homeless families. After those in need are identified an appropriate project will be presented to our membership. Leah is stepping down from the chair position; Carla and Doug Clark will carry on as co-chair.***

* 1. Planning Team – June 16th meeting at the Placitas Library

***Considering the delay in the start of today’s meeting a checklist will be developed and utilized in future meeting locations to ensure that the meeting room is a go when members begin to arrive. Committee Chair Alex Jimenez is stepping down. Naomi Hatch volunteered to chair; Kathleen Harvey will continue as committee member.***

* + 1. Outreach
		2. Bring a friend

***Federation Chair Alex Piland challenged each member to bring a friend to our meetings. This small action could go a long way towards increasing membership.***

* + 1. Media Team SandovalCountyfdw.org

***Please explore the Federation website. Check into it frequently, be sure to go there before quarterly meetings to read minutes from the last meeting and the monthly treasurer’s report so that you can approve them during the meeting. Share this link with your friends and others.***

1. Other Business – Report on Refugees in the 505

***A few SCFDW members are helping out with immigrants who have refugee status. They are Guatamalan refugees who have been released by ICE. Father Vincent Chavez is spearheading this humanitarian effort. Members can assist with this crisis by checking the Catholic Charities website for a listing of daily needs. Donations can be taken to First Presbyterian Church in Rio Rancho and the Knights of Columbus at Our Lady of Sorrows in Bernalillo.***

1. Other Business – Candidates in attendance.

***Candidates running for office introduced themselves asked for support from members. Billie Helean is running for House District 57 in Rio Rancho. Alexis Jiminez is running for House District 60 in Rio Rancho. Leah Baczkiewicz is running for Sandoval County Democratic Party Vice-chair***

***John Sweda is running for Sandoval County Democratic Party Chair***

***Alexandria Piland is running for County Commissioner District 4***

***Ann Brady is running for Sandoval County Clerk***

***Ken Eichwald is running to retain his seat on the Sandoval County Commission***

1. Announcements
	1. CCC April 6th – Pongal Event Center 10:00 a.m.

***At this meeting we will elect*** ***Sandoval County Democratic Party Chair and Vice-chair and the delegates to the State Central Committee Meeting***

* 1. New Ward Chair and Vice Chair

***Deb Dapson elected to Ward E Chair and Oscar Solis to Ward D Chair***

* 1. Where to find upcoming political events – Our website! ***Also on the website are minutes from the quarterly general meetings and the Treasurer’s Report. Please read these before scheduled meetings because motions are made to accept both reports during the first part of every meeting.***
1. Special Guest Speaker Mitchell Freedman, Esq.

***Spoke about the recent Sandoval County Gun Sanctuary Resolution and what the 2nd Amendment really means.***

1. ***Adjourned around 3:40pm.***