

Sandoval County Federation of Democratic Women

FALL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTION MINUTES

Sunday, December 13, 2020 – 3:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
Meeting called to order by outgoing chair, Alexandria (Alex) Piland at 3:02p.m.
2. US Pledge and NM Pledge – Please be sure to mute yourself during the pledges.
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
4. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

5. Statement to Membership from President Alexandria Piland
I want to thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your president for these two terms. From feeding hungry children, donating to families in need, to helping to elect democrats, I am so proud to see how the SCFDW has continually stepped up to meet challenges in our community. The amount of Teamwork that happens in this group, even during a pandemic, is powerful.

As your president, I relied heavily on our Executive Board, especially while running for office. I want to give special thanks to our VP, Kitty Perez and our Treasurer, Karen Schafer, both who made me look very good in spite of myself. Thank you to Sandra Aaron for your valuable service to our group. Thank you to each and every one of our members. Without your tireless commitment, we would not have accomplished all that we have. I have learned a lot, and I will continue to use what I have learned to serve our community and to help elect Democrats in our county.

Thank you!

6. "Nominating of Officers" Committee Report from Vice President and Committee Chair Kittie Perez
*The nominees for the next 2 year term was presented to the membership--
Deb Dapson for President
Genia Chavez for Vice President
Jae Riebe for Treasurer
Carla Clark for Secretary
A motion was made, seconded, and carried to vote by the membership. The slate of officers were voted in. New officers introduced themselves to the membership and newly elected President Deb Dapson presided on the remainder of the agenda.*

7. Old Business

Please renew your membership and mail your \$20.00 membership fee to Treasurer Karen Schafer, please call her for address--505-918-8007 (cell). During this holiday season our Federation donated to non-profit organizations – Storehouse West for Thanksgiving and gifts for Christmas to 6 families served by Peanut Butter & Jelly Therapeutic Pre-school. \$700.00 cash and gift card donations was provided to needy families in District 5 in Rio Rancho. Feed the Kids Rio Rancho continues to be served by our Federation membership.

Tracy Alexis and Denise Stramel, founders of Native Needs first thanked the Federation for assistance & support with start-up of the website, nativeneeds.org. This organization serves to support the needs of native women children. Native Needs work with the charter houses on the reservations to deliver needed items of furniture, clothing, and cribs to pregnant women, mothers and children. The two appealed to the Federation membership to help with their service objective by either donating these items or identifying other sources offering these same items.

8. New Business

Our Federation will participate in a virtual Women in Blue Day with other county federations during the legislative session in February. During this event we will honor one state senator and one state representative, please send names to Deb Dapson in nomination of the legislators that you would like the New Mexico Federation of Democratic Women to honor.

Finally, our federation will need to decide on a legislative focus and agenda. Some suggestions are (1) continuing with last year's focus on decriminalizing abortion rights, (2) supporting our Sandoval County representatives and (3) supporting civil rights by specifically supporting a new bill which the Civil Rights County Commission will be introducing.

Zoom meeting adjourned at 4:01p.m.