

GASTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

August 13, 2012

Chairman Craig Collins called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Justice Paul Newby gave the invocation and Lee Ann MacMillan led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary: The Minutes from the June meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee and were available at the meeting. The Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer: Treasurer Edward Dunlap reported a balance on July 1, 2012 of 16,480.69. We had an income of \$3,195.00 and disbursements of 744.89. The balance on July 31, 2012 was 18,930.80.

CHAIRMAN:

We are all excited about Gov. Romney's choice of Paul Ryan to be his Vice President. Many people in Gaston traveled to Mooresville yesterday to the Romney-Ryan Rally. The room filled up so quickly with supporters that they spoke to the crowd inside and then spoke again to the more than one thousand people waiting outside. This is the kind of participation we need to win the election in November.

Gaston County GOP Headquarters is located at 155 York Street, Gastonia. We have opened a couple of months earlier than usual. Thank you to our Women's Club Presidents, Barbara Hammerle, who is the Chairman of HQ, and Jan Wright. They have been recruiting volunteers to work 3 hour shifts from 10am to 7pm, six days a week.

Thirty volunteers worked SUPER SATURDAY on August 4, 2012. Four teams walked door to door and the others volunteers manned the phones.

We are back in consideration for a Victory Office in Gastonia. We would have paid staffers to help with phone banking and door to door campaigns. A team is coming from NCGOP tomorrow to check out our facility. Please come by and make phone calls.

Check out the Facebook page "Gaston County for Romney" created by Margaret Beveridge. Also, let Pat Smith know if you are not getting email notices.

Craig welcomed Jim Brown back to our meetings after an extended illness.

Thank you to Sharkey's Restaurant for continuing to host our meetings. Please thank them by enjoying dinner at the restaurant. Don't forget to tip the servers.

Please sign in on the Attendance list provided by our Secretary, Pat Smith.

CLUB REPORTS

GCRW Day Club: Jan Wright announced the next meeting will be on September 20, 2012 at noon at the City Club of Gastonia. They have a dynamic speaker, K Carl Smith from the Frederick Douglas Republicans. In October they invite all the candidates to speak to the members. On August 17, the Concerned Women of America will host a training session entitled "She Votes" at the Four Square Church in Dallas, NC. NC Auditor candidate, Debra Goldman, is looking for a local coordinator. Bonnie Jansen will chair the Festival Committee. Please put these dates on your calendar: October 6 - StanleyFest; October 10-13 - Cherryville; October 13 - Belmont. Pat C. Smith will be going to Tampa to the National Republican Convention as a Delegate from the 10th District.

GCRW Evening Club: Barbara Hammerle reported they will meet on September 18, 2012 at Hillbilly's on Garrison Blvd. at 6:30. Barbara passed around a list to sign up to work at HQ.

Young Republicans: Chairman Daniel Ware announced they will meet on August 27, 2012, at Hillbilly's in Lowell. They will hold a Pancake Breakfast on September 1, 2012, at Center Street Tavern in Cramerton. Scott Attaway is coordinating booths at the Festivals.

Belmont Abbey College Republicans: Nick Haywood is the Chairman.

GUEST SPEAKER

Justice Paul Newby of the North Carolina Supreme Court spoke on his re-election campaign. He is a solid conservative who believes that judges do not make law. He has a background in business law and has bi-partisan support among the lawyers in NC. His opponent is Sam J. Erwin, IV, grandson of the former NC Democratic Senator. If his opponent is elected there will a majority of liberal judges on the NC Supreme Court. Remember the phrase, "Scooby Dooby, vote for Newby".

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Commissioner Chad Brown reported they are already working on next year's budget.

TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPORT:

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Brett Keeter reported that Congressman Patrick McHenry was thrilled with the nomination of his friend and colleague Congressman Paul Ryan. There will be a fundraiser for McHenry at the String Bean Restaurant in Belmont on August 20, 2012. Also, Congressman McHenry will hold his election night Victory Party at the Courtyard by Marriott in Gastonia and invites the Gaston GOP and local candidates to go in with him.

Campaign Manager Madeline Keeter discussed Patrick McHenry's opponent, NC Rep. Patsy Keeter. She is one of the most liberal NC representatives, supports Obamacare and is endorsed by labor unions. Madeline passed around a volunteer signup sheet.

Tenth District Chairman Neil Moore reported the NCGOP is increasing the number of Victory Centers to 21. He said that there would be Poll Observer training sessions to learn how to work inside the poll to insure fair elections. He thanked former Board of Election Chairwoman Frances Pinion for attending our meeting. He discussed various campaign items such as minority outreach, unaffiliated voters, door knockings, Super Saturdays, Town Halls, and special interest groups such as "teachers for McCrory". Also, Voter Vault has become "GOP Data Center".

OLD BUSINESS:

Craig presented the revised Budget for 2012 for approval to the members. Steve Amos seconded the revised budget and the motion passed. Attached

NEW BUSINESS

Riverbend Township chair, Viddia Torbett, reported that John Torbett has resigned as Precinct Chair for #42, Stanley 1, and recommended Jonathan Fletcher be elected as the new Precinct chair. He was approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pat Smith announced that the Gaston County for Romney Committee will immediately after this meeting.

Charmaine Gallagher announced there would be a "Walk For Life" on September 9, 2012, and urged donations of \$15.00.

Margaret Beveridge is the leader of the Young Americans for Romney-Ryan Call Nights. This Thursday they have been challenged to make more calls than the Buncombe Co. group.

We need precinct chairs for South Gastonia and Myrtle.

Jeff Bryson for Sheriff will host a breakfast at Munchies on August 18th.

Rachelle Anger announced that she is candidate for Gaston County School Board.

There will be a Fundraiser for John Torbett at Jan Wright's on August 24, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Next meeting: September 10, 2012 at Sharkey's, 141 W. Main St., Gastonia. 6:00 - Dinner, 7:00 - Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Pat C. Smith

Secretary

Steve Amos	Robert Becker	Locke Bell	Chad Brown
Jeff Bryson	Alfred Current	Edward Dunlap	Pearl Floyd
James Gallagher	John Greenlee	Barbara Hammerle	Anne Huggins
Susan Lockridge	Lee Ann MacMillan	Neil Moore	Tracy Philbeck
Jeff Ramsey	Julie Stroupe	Barry Smith	Pat Smith
Viddia Torbett	John Torbett	Daniel Ware	Gerald Willhauck
Jan Wright	John Anger	Scott Attaway	Jim Brown
Neil Chastain	Charmaine Gallagher	Randall Hartman	Edith Parker
Pennie Thrower	Gary Thrower	Christine Willhauck	Margaret Beveridge
Michelle Cobb	Jennifer Bankhead	Bob Walker	Charlotte Phillips

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Frances Pinion	Rachelle Anger	Cain Beard	Daniel Britton, Jr
Michael Notorangelo	Nancy Lynn Hargis		