

GASTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

February 11, 2013

Chairman Craig Collins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Neil Moore gave the invocation, and Tracy Philbeck led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary: The Minutes from the January 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 January 1, 2013 of 15,559.50. We had an income of \$600.00 and disbursements of \$2,203.19. The balance on January 31, 2013 was \$13,956.31. There is \$5000 in the Building Fund. Edward has paid all known election expenses.

CHAIRMAN:

Thank you to Sharkey's Restaurant for opening tonight for our meeting. Don't forget to tip the servers.

Craig recognized the elected officials present. He gave a special thank you to Graham Whitaker and Jordan Rollins who led our door to door campaign during the election.

CLUB REPORTS

GCRW Day Club: Juanita Wagner announced the next meeting will be on February 21, 2013 at noon at the City Club of Gastonia. The guest speaker will be Mr. Kevin Spalding, the President of the Gastonia Toastmasters Club. Juanita and Mary Frances Forrester attended the Winter Board meeting of the NCFRW and accepted two awards for their Club for increased membership. The following two resolutions were passed: Supporting photo voting ID and supporting Gov. McCrory's refusal to set up "The Affordable Care Act" exchanges in NC. The club will be selling cakes and jewelry at the Lincoln Day Dinner.

GCRW Evening Club: Barbara Hammerle reported they will meet on February 19, 2013 at Hillbilly's on Garrison Blvd. at 6:30. Regular and Associate Dues are due this month. Their Club will have a fund raising table at the Lincoln Day Dinner.

Young Republicans: Chairman Daniel Ware announced they will meet on February 25 at Johnny B's Restaurant at 6:30. Many of their members attended the March for Life in Washington DC. Cory Bryson is the new V.P. of their Club.

Belmont Abbey College Republicans: Chairman Nick Haywood said their next meeting is February 20, 2013. Many of their members went to DC for the March For Life.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Commissioner Tracy Philbeck reported that the Commissioners had passed two resolutions to be sent to the NC House: 1. To create a local office in the Department of Social Service for oversight. 2. To keep gun ownership private. It has been a tough year for the Gaston County Budget. Tracy commended Susan Lockridge for her excellent financial oversight in the Register of Deeds Office.

The Commissioners continue to deliberate with CAROMONT Healthcare.

TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPORT:

Brett Keeter announced that President Obama will visit Asheville the day after the State of the Union Speech. Congressman McHenry has opened an office in Gastonia, and hired Joe Bost as a full time Staff Assistant to handle veterans' cases.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Lincoln Day Dinner will be February 23, 2013 at the Gaston County Convention Center, and will be catered by the String Bean Restaurant. Congresswoman Renee Elmers will be the guest speaker. Ticket sales are going well, but we need to know final numbers by Monday of next week. This is a good opportunity to celebrate our victories.

NEW BUSINESS

The Gaston County Precinct Meetings and Convention will be held on either March 16th or 23rd, at the Health and Human Services Building. Precinct chairmen and GOP officers will be elected for two year terms. The Chairpersons of the Convention committees are: Nominating - Tracy Philbeck; Resolutions - Steve Amos; Credentials - Lee Ann MacMillan; Rules - Brett Keeter. Registered Republicans must attend their precinct meeting and County Convention to become a delegate to the 10th District Convention and the NCGOP Convention. The NCGOP Convention will be held in Charlotte on June 7-9, 2013. We really need to have a large delegation from Gaston County composed of people who want to work for the Republican Party.

Tracy Philbeck is a member of the NCGOP Platform Committee which is meeting this weekend. Please contact him if you want to make any recommendations.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Next meeting: March 11, 2013 at Sharkey's, 141 W. Main St., Gastonia. 6:00 - Dinner, 7:00 - Meeting

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Respectfully submitted,
Pat C. Smith, Secretary

Donnie Loftis	Juanita Wagner	Jordon Rollins	Graham Whitaker
Cory Bryson	Tom Keigher	Robert Pope	Jeff Clark
Neil Chastain	Locke Bell	Mickey Price	Tracy Philbeck
Rebecca Schwindeman	Jonathan Fletcher	Sharon Kay Jarvis	Danny Sparrow
Christine Willhauck	Jeff Bryson	Craig Collins	Brett Keeter
Lee Ann MacMillan	Pat Smith	Edward Dunlap	Steve Amos
Gerald Willhauck	Daniel Ware	Nick Haywood	Susan Lockridge
Neil Moore	Barbara Hammerle	Dennis Hammerle	Julie Stroupe