

GASTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 13, 2013

Chairman Don Grant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Jerry Willhauck gave the invocation and Madeline Keeter led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary: The Minutes from the April 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 April 1, 2013 of \$18,657.56. We had an income of \$1,659.84 and disbursements of \$467.77, plus bank service charges of \$2.00. Edward noted that we had been issued a partial refund of convention center fees of about \$900 due to an accidental overcharge for Lincoln Day Dinner costs. The balance on April 30th was \$21,247.63. There is \$5000 in the Building Fund.

CHAIRMAN:

Don expressed thanks to Century Club members for their donations to the party and encouraged other members to follow the lead and become Century Club members. He also extended gratitude to the Munchies staff for their willingness to allow us to use their facilities and dining services.

CLUB REPORTS

GCRW Day Club: Juanita Wagner informed everyone that the Biennial Convention and Spring Board meeting were held in Raleigh on May 3rd and 4th at which three members of the GCRW Day club were present. Speakers included Ms. Rae Lynn Chornenky (NFRW President from Arizona), NC Lt. Governor Dan Forest, NC Supreme Court Justice Mark Martin, and NC Speaker of the House Thom Tillis. Juanita also announced that two GCRW members had been elected as officers in the NCFRW, with Pat Smith as Assistant Secretary and Anne Huggins reelected to a second term as VP of the Foothills Region. The next meeting would be held at Jackson's Cafeteria on the 16th of May with special guest, Pastor Rit Varriale of Shelby.

GCRW Evening Club: Barbara Hammerle announced that the Evening Club would not hold a May meeting and would be taking a break over the summer, with meetings resuming in September. She noted that she would be having surgery in the coming month and that Linda Summers was already recovering from surgeries. Barbara requested prayer as she and Linda continue to recover.

Young Republicans: YR Vice Chairman Cory Bryson announced that the Gaston County chapter of the Young Republicans had not had its charter reapproved, and that the group had entered into a regrowth and reorganization period. Cory said that the group would be focusing on addressing leadership issues as they moved forward with rebuilding the Gaston Chapter.

Belmont Abbey College Republicans:

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Commissioner Tracy Philbeck announced that the commissioners had received a recommended budget from the County Manager and that they were reviewing it for ways to reign in spending in order to avoid raising taxes. He also announced that the Duggar family would be coming to Gastonia on June 9th to the Bethlehem Baptist church as a fundraiser for CLICPAC. Tickets were limited and anyone interested could contact Commissioner Philbeck or Commissioner Williams for details.

TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPORT:

Brett Keeter said that Congressman McHenry had been busy on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee in dealing with the Benghazi hearings and information surrounding the IRS' targeting of Tea Party groups. Congressman McHenry would be the keynote speaker at the Gaston Memorial Day Ceremony held at Gaston Memorial Park.

10th District Chairman Craig Collins thanked everyone for their support of the entire slate of officers that were elected at the 10th District convention. He announced that the 10th District Executive Committee meeting would be held May 25th at J&S Cafeteria in Asheville. He reminded everyone that the NCGOP Convention would be held June 7-9 in Charlotte and pushed for a large turnout of Gaston delegates.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Grant announced that he had received several precinct judge nominations but that even more were still needed.

Chairman Grant also announced that a voter ID bill had passed the NC House with bipartisan support, that the legislature was considering allowing concealed carrying in restaurants, and that a commission to examine the common core had been formed.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Grant announced that, due to the number of people interested in the Gaston County Board of Elections positions, a vote would be taken between the nominees to choose three names for submission to the State Board of Elections. The nominees, as

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presented, were Sheena Amos, Dave Charzewski, Steve Hall, Calvin Harkey, Lee Ann MacMillan, Nasser Miranda, Jennifer Stepp, and Jerry Willhauck. One nomination was made from the floor for Jack Brown. A vote was held by secret ballot among all of the members present where each member chose two names from the list of nominees. The top three names would be presented to the State Board of Elections to fill the two open positions. The results of the vote, in order highest to lowest, were Lee Ann MacMillan, Sheena Amos, and Jack Brown.

Jeff Bryson announced that his campaign was in full force visiting various festivals and events in Gaston County. He said that voters could visit his campaign online for information on events and fundraising.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm

Next meeting: June 10, 2013 at Munchies Restaurant, 209 S. Chestnut St., Gastonia. 6:00 - Dinner, 7:00 - Meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan L. Fletcher, Secretary

Attendance:

Steve Amos	Edward Dunlap	Susan Lockridge
Sheena Amos	Jonathan Fletcher	Lee Ann MacMillan
Locke Bell	Don Grant	Neil Moore
Tom Brawley	Barbara Hammerle	Tracy Philbeck
Jack Brown	Dennis Hammerle	Ervin Sims
Alice Brown	Michael Harrington	Julie Stroupe
Larry Brown	Nick Huffman	Juanita Wagner
Cory Bryson	Mary Anne Huggins	Jerry Willhauck
Jeff Bryson	Brett Keeter	Jason Williams
Craig Collins	Madeline Keeter	

Visitors: Christine Willhauck, Neil Chastain, Ina Jones, Margaret Beveridge, Jennifer Bankhead