

GASTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 9, 2013

Chairman Don Grant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mary Frances Forrester gave the invocation and Judge Michael Lands led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary: The Minutes from the July 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 July 1, 2013 of \$21,244.63. We had an income of \$200.00 and disbursements of \$151.87, plus bank service charges of \$2.00. The balance on July 31st was \$21,290.76. An opening balance of \$21,290.76 was reported on August 1, 2013. There was no income or disbursements, but there was a bank service charge of \$2.00. The balance on August 31st was \$21,288.76. There is \$5,000.00 in the Building Fund.

GUEST SPEAKER: Chairman Grant, without objection, allowed the night's guest speaker to move his message to the top of the agenda so that he would be able to leave before the Committee discussed its business. Dr. Mark Harris spoke to the Committee about his decision to seek the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate for North Carolina in 2014. He noted that Senator Kay Hagan has been very weak and has voted along Democrat party lines with every decision. He explained that his reasons for running include offering a clear contrast to the liberal candidate, making sure NC's Marriage Amendment remains the law of the land, and to work toward a better America for future generations.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Grant called for volunteers to assist with moving the items out of the old headquarters in Gastonia to our storage unit. He also made note that Edwin Peacock's campaign was looking for volunteers who might be willing to assist him in his campaign for Charlotte Mayor. Chairman Grant added that it is important for local county party volunteers to assist each other, especially in such critical races.

CLUB REPORTS

GCRW Day Club: Juanita Wagner reminded everyone that the GCRW Day Club had been observing a summer break for June, July, and August. Their next meeting was scheduled at 12:00pm on September 19th at Jackson's Cafeteria. Senator Kathy Harrington would be the guest speaker.

GCRW Evening Club: Barbara Hammerle announced that the GCRW Evening Club would be dissolving after October, due to a variety of health issues among the members. The next meeting would be September 17th at 6:30pm at Hillbillies and the last meeting will be October 15th at the same time and location.

Young Republicans:

Gaston County College Republicans: New Chairman Johnathan Stephens announced that the Belmont Abbey Republicans had merged with the Gaston College Republicans to create the Gaston County Young Republicans. This new group is aimed at reaching out to more College groups within the county.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Commissioner Mickey Price announced that an agency had been hired to help in the search for a new County Manager. He also informed everyone that the County Commission was trying to coordinate efforts with the Board of Education to refurbish some of the educational grounds.

TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPORT:

Brett Keeter thanked everyone for the strong support at Congressman McHenry's Town Hall Meeting in August. He noted that Congressman McHenry was busy working on ways to delay the Obamacare mandates as well as reviewing options for possible intervention in Syria. The next 10th District Committee meeting will be held October 19th in Catawba County.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: The budget was not discussed because it had not been finalized before the meeting. Budget discussions were postponed until the October meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm

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Next meeting: October 14, 2013 at Munchies Restaurant, 209 S. Chestnut St., Gastonia. 6:00 - Dinner, 7:00 - Meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan L. Fletcher, Secretary

Attendance:

Steve Amos
Locke Bell
Chad Brown
Cory Bryson
Dana Bumgardner
Neil Chastain
Jeff Clark
Craig Collins
Edward Dunlap
Mary Frances Forrester
Jonathan Fletcher

Charmaine Gallagher
Jim Gallagher
Don Grant
Barbara Hammerle
Dennis Hammerle
Mike Harrington
Ina Jones
Madeline Keeter
Brett Keeter
Michael Lands
Donnie Loftis

Neil Moore
Mickey Price
Ervin Sims
Barry Smith
Pat Smith
Johnathan Stephens
Gary Thrower
Pennie Thrower
Juanita Wagner
Daniel Ware