

GASTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 14, 2013

Chairman Don Grant called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary: The Minutes from the September 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 September 1, 2013 of \$21,288.76. We had an income of \$200.00 and disbursements of \$9.00, plus bank service charges of \$3.00. The balance on September 30th was \$21,476.76. There is \$5,000.00 in the Building Fund.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Grant discussed the importance of the Century Club and noted the fact that a membership costs only 28¢ per day. He reminded everyone that municipal elections would be held in November and announced that the NCGOP Hall of Fame dinner would be held on November 16th in Cary. He noted that the 2014 NCGOP Convention would be held in Cherokee and that the convention would begin one day earlier, on Thursday, to make more time for business. He also said that a list of state jobs had been posted and that he was available to give more information to people who were interested.

CLUB REPORTS

GCRW Day Club: Juanita Wagner informed everyone that she and three other members of the GCRW had attended the National Federation of Republican Women's 37th Biennial Convention in Louisville Kentucky. They were able to hear a variety of speakers, including Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, U.S. Congresswoman Renee Ellmers, and former Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao. The GCRW won a "Diamond Level" club achievement award and a "Caring for America" regional award. The NCFRW adopted six resolutions, including resolutions to honor U.S. Veterans and support servicemen and women injured in the Fort Hood attacks.

GCRW Evening Club: Barbara Hammerle reminded everyone that the GCRW Evening Club would be dissolving after October, due to a variety of health issues among the members. The last meeting would be October 15th at 6:30pm at Hillbillies. She noted that the club had been established in 1997 for the workingwoman. She expressed thanks to everyone that had supported the club in the past and to her fellow members for allowing her to serve as president of the club.

Young Republicans:

Belmont Abbey College Republicans: Chairman Johnathan Stephens announced that the group had membership drives at Belmont Abbey College and at Gaston College, bringing in more than 20 interested students ranging from ages 17 to 40. He noted that the group had held a "Defund Obamacare" sign waving and rally with an estimated possibility of 2800 contacts with voters. He announced that members of the group would be taking part in a deployment to Virginia from Oct. 25-27 to help out with Ken Cuccinelli's campaign for Governor. He requested help for funding the trip. He also announced that the group would be holding more protests during November in Belmont and Gastonia.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Commissioner Tracy Philbeck explained that the Commission had granted funds to North Gaston for stadium renovations to help them make the same repairs that other area high schools had been forced to make in the recent past. He noted that the Commission does not have the ability to fund teachers' salaries and other similar educational expenses but is responsible for building and maintenance of school property. He also noted that Gaston County had seen a \$2.3 million increase in the education budget this year and that the Commission would be focused on maintaining accountability for the disbursements of those funds.

TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPORT:

Brett Keeter said that he was unable to give a detailed report from Congressman McHenry's office because of the "government shutdown" and because he had been furloughed until the shutdown was over. He did note that Congressman McHenry was working to help ensure a deal was reached to end the shutdown and also take on the issue of the debt ceiling.

10th District Chairman Craig Collins gave a brief recap of the 10th District Committee's recent meeting, explaining that fundraising was the main topic of discussion and that the focus was on making each county strong by employing the best methods of fundraising that worked in their own county.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: A motion to discuss the budget was brought forth, but after brief debate the motion was again tabled to allow the committee proper time and notice to view the proposed budget.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Next meeting: November 11, 2013 at Munchies Restaurant, 209 S. Chestnut St., Gastonia. 6:00 - Dinner, 7:00 - Meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan L. Fletcher, Secretary

Attendance:

Locke Bell
Margaret Beveridge
Larry Brown
Jeff Bryson
Dana Bumgardner
Craig Collins
Edward Dunlap
Jonathan Fletcher
Stephanie Fridley
Charmaine Gallagher
Jim Gallagher

Don Grant
Barbara Hammerle
Dennis Hammerle
Nick Huffman
Madeline Keeter
Brett Keeter
LeeAnn MacMillan
Neil Moore
Rebecca Philbeck
Tracy Philbeck
Rebecca Schwindeman

Danny Sparrow
Johnathan Stephens
Gary Thrower
Pennie Thrower
John Torbett
Viddia Torbett
Juanita Wagner
Daniel Ware
Christine Willhauck
Jerry Willhauck