

# GASTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 13, 2013

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

## **OFFICERS REPORTS**

**Secretary:** The Minutes from the November meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee and were available at the meeting.

**Treasurer:** Treasurer Edward Dunlap reported a balance November 1, 2013 of \$22,555.96. Throughout November and December 2013, we had an income of \$675.00 and disbursements of \$6.88, plus bank service charges of \$6.00. The balance on December 31<sup>st</sup> was \$23,218.08. There is \$5,000.00 in the Building Fund.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Chairman Grant announced that another candidate, Ted Alexander of Cleveland County, had entered the U.S. Senate race. The 2014 Lincoln Day Dinner has been set for March 8<sup>th</sup> and the 2014 Gaston County Republican Convention has been set for March 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **CLUB REPORTS**

**GCRW:** Mary Anne Huggins noted that the GCRW would be meeting at their usual time and place and that the speaker would be Ancil Overby.

**Young Republicans:** Margaret Beveridge announced that she had been named as the Community Relations Chair for the NCFYPR. The position will focus on improving communities around the state and the first month's theme is Conservation of Natural Resources.

**Belmont Abbey College Republicans:**

## **COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

Commissioner Tracy Philbeck announced that Earl Mathers from Bozeman, Montana had been chosen as the new County Manager. He said that the Commissioners would be working with Mathers to produce a priority-based budget for the county. Commissioner Philbeck noted that he and many other Pro-Life, Pro-Marriage candidates were being attacked for their beliefs and that they needed our support.

## **TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPORT:**

Brett Keeter stressed the importance of the U.S. Senate race for creating change in Washington. He noted that Congressman McHenry and other Republicans in the U.S. House had been working hard and passing measures that were not even considered in the Democrat-dominated Senate. He noted that all of the Republicans candidates seeking the nomination were a better alternative to Kay Hagan. Brett gave a recap of the Oversight Committee's field hearing in Gaston and of Congressman McHenry's Christmas party with Governor Bobby Jindal. He also introduced everyone to Joe Bost who works in Congressman McHenry's Gastonia office focusing on Veterans Affairs work.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Edward Dunlap made a motion to reconsider the budget that had been table during the November meeting. The motion was seconded and passed and Edward read the proposed budget aloud and answered any questions that were given. He made a motion to approve the budget as presented, which was seconded and passed (The passed budget is available upon request).

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jonathan Fletcher announced that he had been appointed as Chairman of the Awards Committee and that nominations for the Republican of the Year Award and the Senator James Forrester Lifetime Achievement Award were now being accepted. Forms are available online and nominations are due by February 15<sup>th</sup> or, preferably, at the February meeting.

**SPEAKERS:** Judge Bill Southern of Stokes County addressed the committee and announced that he was running for NC Court of Appeals. He is a former attorney and current District Court Judge. For more information about his campaign, visit his website at [www.SouthernforJudge.com](http://www.SouthernforJudge.com).

Judge Eric Levinson also addressed the committee and announced that he was running for NC Supreme Court Justice. Judge Levinson was appointed to the NC Superior Court in 2009 and has been serving as a Judge since 1996. For more information about his campaign, visit his website at [www.LevinsonforJustice.com](http://www.LevinsonforJustice.com).

Senator Kathy Harrington, Representative Dana Bumgardner, Commissioner Tracy Philbeck, and Commissioner Tom Keigher all announced that they were running for reelection. Jeff Bryson and Jeff Clark each announced that they were running for the Republican nomination for Gaston County Sheriff.

Chairman Grant expressed thanks to Munchies for allowing the use of their facilities and providing dinner services.

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The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Jonathan L. Fletcher, Secretary

Attendance:

Eric Albrecht  
Steve Amos\*  
Lock Bell\*  
Margaret Beveridge  
Caroline Bost  
Joe Bost  
Tom Brawley\*  
Larry Brown\*  
Thomas Brown  
Cory Bryson\*  
Jeff Bryson  
Dana Bumgardner\*  
Joe Carpenter\*

Neil Chastain  
Jeff Clark  
Edward Dunlap\*  
Greg Farris  
Jonathan Fletcher\*  
Don Grant\*  
Barbara Hammerle\*  
Dennis Hammerle\*  
Kathy Harrington\*  
Michael Harrington\*  
Mary Anne Huggins\*  
Brett Keeter\*  
Madeline Keeter\*

Tom Keigher\*  
Michael Lands\*  
Ralph Miller  
Neil Moore\*  
Sharon Moss  
Tracy Philbeck\*  
Conrad Pogerzelski  
Bill Stetzer  
James Stewart\*  
Julie Stroupe\*  
Daniel Ware  
Jason Williams\*  
Shannon Williams\*

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