

GASTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 12, 2014

Chairman Don Grant called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Julie Stroupe gave the invocation and Jeff Clark led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

As a courtesy to Tracy Bryson, Chairman Grant gave her the option to address the committee on behalf of her husband, Jeff Bryson. Mrs. Bryson thanked everyone for their support in the Primary race and noted that it had been a good race. She requested that everyone would unite behind all of the winning Republican candidates and work together toward Republican gains in November.

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 gave a report to the committee with financial details for the months of March and April, but he did not have paper copies available. For complete details or questions about the report, please contact Treasurer Dunlap.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Grant announced that the 2016 NCGOP Convention would be held at the beginning of May to help accommodate the need of choosing a Republican nominee sooner. In 2016, the RNC will have the option to choose the venue, moderator, and questions of the debates.

CLUB REPORTS

GCRW: Juanita Wagner announced that the next Republican Women's meeting would be held May 15th, 12:00pm, at Jackson's Cafeteria. The special guest speakers would be Judith Johnson and Elizabeth Slaughter of Faith Farm. This would be the last meeting before the summer break, and the following meeting will be September 18th.

Young Republicans:

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Commissioner Tom Keigher noted that the Commissioners were developing a priority-based budget and that they would be discussing ratings for each department. He also mentioned that they were still looking into property for a new animal shelter, though complete details were not yet available for the project.

TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPORT:

10th District Chairman Craig Collins thanked everyone for a successful primary season and reported that there would not be a need for any runoff elections in Gaston County. He expressed thanks on behalf of Congressman McHenry for the large majority of votes that he received in the County. Chairman Collins requested help in picking up signs throughout the county for Republican candidates that can be reused in the fall for the General Election.

OLD BUSINESS: The old business was table for further discussion in June.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business to discuss.

CANDIDATES: Jim Gallagher expressed thanks for the support he had received in the Primary and congratulated his opponent, Tom Keigher, on his win. Commissioner Keigher thanked everyone for their support and announced that he would have no opponent in the General Election in November. Jeff Clark thanked all of the volunteers that helped him run an honorable campaign and congratulated his opponent. Rep. Dana Bumgardner thanked everyone and asked for continued support heading into November.

Lee Ann MacMillan thanked all of the election judges that were responsible for keeping the election fair and problem-free. She reported that Gaston had received only a 8.2% turnout and that Gaston was ranked 100 out of the 100 counties in NC. She encouraged members of the committee to work toward improving that number in November.

Commissioner Keigher expressed a need for the county party to recruit new people. He suggested that everyone begin bringing like-minded guests to the meetings and encouraging them to get involved.

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The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Next meeting: June 9, 2014 at Hillbilly's BBQ, 930 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia. 6:00 - Dinner, 7:00 - Meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan L. Fletcher, Secretary

Attendance:

Dick Akens
Locke Bell*
Tracy Bryson
Dana Bumgardner*
Craig Collins*
J.A. Dalpiaz
Edward Dunlap*

Jonathan Fletcher*
Don Grant*
Michael Harrington*
Ina Jones
Madeline Keeter*
Tom Keigher*
Lee Ann MacMillan

Neil Moore*
Mark Peeler
Randall Hartman
Julie Stroupe*
Juanita Wagner*
Jerry Willhauck
Christine Willhauck

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