

GASTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 8, 2014

Chairman Don Grant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Julie Stroupe gave the invocation and Rep. Dana Bumgardner led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary: The Minutes (Attachment A) from the August meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee and were available at the meeting. The Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer: Treasurer Edward Dunlap submitted copies of his report to the Chairman and Secretary and read his report to the Committee members present. During the report, Conrad Pogerzelski suggested that Century Club donations be counted from January through December, rather than between Lincoln Day Dinners. Edward thanked Conrad for the suggestion and noted that the officers would discuss the proposal.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Grant thanked Senator Kathy Harrington for her donation to cover one month of the rent for the Election Headquarters. He called on members of the Executive Committee to join or increase their level of membership in the Century Club. He also announced that the Headquarters was now open and that Cory Bryson would serve as the coordinator. He suggested that members call the HQ at 704-266-2375 to schedule a time to volunteer. He noted that John Tyson had been endorsed by the NCGOP for the open Court of Appeals seat. Chairman Grant announced that the 2015 Lincoln Day Dinner will be held on Feb. 28, 2015 at the Gaston Country Club.

CLUB REPORTS

GCRW: Barbara Hammerle reminded everyone that the Republican Women's meetings would be held on the third Thursday of the month at Jackson's Cafeteria. Cookbooks are available for a \$20.00 donation.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Commissioner Joe Carpenter said that the County Commissioners were still working with the School Board on solutions that would benefit students in Gaston County. He noted that the Commissioners had met with Governor McCrory in Raleigh. Comm. Carpenter encouraged everyone to get out and vote in the upcoming election. Jerry Bostic spoke and requested that the Commissioners come up with a solution to increase teacher pay.

TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPORT:

Joe Bost announced that he had officially transitioned into his role as Campaign Manager for McHenry for Congress. He said that he would be working with the headquarters volunteers for McHenry Monday call nights. The Taste of the 10th fundraiser will be held Oct. 6th at the String Bean in Belmont.

10th District Chairman Craig Collins discussed the events of the NCGOP Executive Committee meeting held on Sept. 6th, including the vote to endorse a candidate in the Court of Appeals race. Chairman Collins encouraged everyone to go to HQ as much as possible to put in time making calls to support Thom Tillis and Congressman Patrick McHenry.

OLD BUSINESS:

Larry Brown asked that the officers and other committee members review the process of including candidates on the voter guide. After discussion, Craig Collins suggested that the solution may be to adopt an amendment to the Plan of Organization at the March 2015 Convention.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business discussed.

Announcements: Conrad Pogerzelski reminded everyone that straight-party voting was no longer an option.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm

Next meeting: October 13, 2014 at Hillbilly's BBQ, 930 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia. 6:00 - Dinner, 7:00 - Meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan L. Fletcher, Secretary

Attachments: Attachment A: Meeting Minutes 08/11/14 (as approved)