

GASTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

November 10, 2014

Chairman Don Grant called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

Lee Ann MacMillan gave the invocation and Alex Grant led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary: The Minutes (Attachment A) from the October 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 (Attachment B) to the Chairman and Secretary, which reported the opening balance of the General Operating Fund on October 1, 2014 of \$897.83. There was income of \$663.31, expenses of \$438.19, card processing fees of \$7.43, and bank service charges of \$4.00. The balance on October 31st was \$1111.52. With interest income of \$1.30, there is \$30,507.97 in the Money Market Savings Fund. The total of operating cash is \$31,619.49. There is \$5,000.00 in the Building Fund. Mr. Dunlap noted that Jason Meulemans had won the raffle and elected to take the rifle. He also reminded everyone that Lincoln Day Dinner would be held Feb. 28, 2015 at the Gaston Country Club.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Grant expressed thanks to all volunteers who helped achieve Republican victories. He also congratulated winning candidates and thanked Republican candidates that were willing to run but did not win. He noted that now more than ever was the time to support the party by joining the Century Club. He also asked candidates to be sure that their signs were taken up from public areas as quickly as possible. Volunteers can assist with picking up signs and return them to the Gastonia Headquarters.

Sen. Kathy Harrington thanked everyone for their continued support and volunteer hours and noted that Senator-Elect Tillis had received over fourteen thousand votes from Gaston County.

CLUB REPORTS

GCRW: Barbara Hammerle reminded everyone that the Republican Women's meeting would be held November 20th at noon at Jackson's Cafeteria. Hal Weatherman, Chief of Staff for Lt. Governor Dan Forest, will be the guest speaker. Cookbooks are still available for a \$20.00 donation. Barbara noted that the NCFRW would be recognizing Gaston County member Bonnie Jansen at their next meeting. The GCRW will be accepting donations (including canned goods, toiletries, and monetary donations) for the Faith Farm, supporting homeless female veterans.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Commissioner Tracy Philbeck congratulated all Republicans elected in 2014. He announced that the swearing-in ceremony for Gaston County's elected officials will be held on Monday, December 1st at 9:00am in the Commissioners' room at the County Courthouse. Mark Harris and Justice Paul Newby will be in attendance. Comm. Philbeck announced that Commissioner Jason Williams was drafting a resolution in support of upholding NC's Marriage Amendment. Comm. Philbeck asked supporters to join him in being vocal about their support of the resolution, including writing letters to the editors of local papers.

Sen. Harrington rose to give special thanks to Sen. Jim and Mary Frances Forrester for their hard work and dedication to get the Amendment on the ballot. She said that NC Republicans were determined to fight for the Amendment in memory of Sen. Forrester and that she would not back down in defending the Amendment.

TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPORT:

Brett Keeter thanked Gaston County for their support of Congressman McHenry, noting that while Congressman McHenry received 61% of the vote district-wide, he received over 68% in Gaston County. The Congressman is looking forward to working with the new, GOP-led Senate to pass critical legislation.

Craig Collins encouraged everyone to stop by the NCGOP office in Raleigh when in the area to thank them for their hard work and dedication in electing Republicans all across NC in 2014. Craig also thanked everyone for making the Santorum event a success. He noted that our numbers were moving in the right direction, yet there was still work to be done.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business discussed.

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Announcements:

Conrad Pogerzelski announced that the VFW was hosting family bingo nights on Fridays from 6:30 – 9:30pm and would welcome support from Republicans.

Tracy Philbeck expressed special thanks to Cory Bryson for coordinating volunteers and running the Gastonia headquarters in 2014.

Chris Howell, Catherine Bailey Roberts, Dot Cherry, Rep. John Torbett, Sen. Kathy Harrington, Rep. Dana Bumgardner, Rep. Kelly Hastings, and Comm. Jason Williams all thanked the party for their support in 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Jonathan L. Fletcher, Secretary

Next meeting: December 8, 2014 at Hillbilly's BBQ, 930 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia. 6:00 - Dinner, 7:00 - Meeting

Attachments: Attachment A: Meeting Minutes 10/13/14 (as approved) | Attachment B: Oct. Treasurer's Report