



## Gaston County Republican Party Executive Committee Official Meeting Minutes

**May 11, 2015**

**Hillbilly's BBQ - 930 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia**

Chairman Chris Howell called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and an agenda was provided. Don Grant gave the invocation and Julie Stroupe led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **OFFICERS REPORTS**

**Secretary:** The Minutes from the March meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee and were available at the meeting. Upon a motion made by Dot Cherry, the Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer:** Treasurer Edward Dunlap will have a report prepared at the next meeting and yielded his time to Jerry Campbell, the Audit Committee Chairman. Mr. Campbell gave an audit report for his audit of the Gaston GOP treasury covering January 31, 2014 through January 31, 2015. He noted that the Treasurer had accurately documented and maintained all records and that all issues had been correctly resolved.

### **CLUB REPORTS**

**GCRW:** Juanita Wagner reported that the GCRW had approved a resolution in support of the Historic Tax Credit Bill (HR152) and read the resolution for the committee. The resolution will be forwarded to the NCFRW. The next meeting would be May 21<sup>st</sup>, with Craig Collins as the featured speaker. The meeting would be held at Jackson's Cafeteria at noon. It would be the last meeting until September.

### **COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:**

No report given.

### **TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPORT:**

Brett Keeter noted that the Republican Congress had drafted the first balanced budget since 2009 and that it had been sent to President Obama's desk. The budget balances within 10 years and cuts funding for Obamacare programs. Brett also shared two articles detailing recent bills introduced by Congressman McHenry including the "No Free Rides Act" and a bill that would eliminate the possibility of a ban on automatic weapons ammunition.

Brett also presented a flag flown over the US Capitol to Don Grant, recognizing his service as Chairman of the Gaston GOP.

### **SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:**

School Board Member Dot Cherry announced two architectural firms had been hired to create rendering for the new schools. She also noted that Stuart W. Cramer High School had been named one of the top 11 schools in the country, receiving praise for its technical and environmental accomplishments. Chris Howell added that a School Board budget had been sent to the County Commissioners and that the state would be decreasing funding for driver's education programs for students.

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### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Chairman Howell reminded everyone that the NCGOP convention would be held in June and encouraged all eligible delegates to attend. He also said that the party should focus on moving past the negativity surrounding the County Commissioners, and a lengthy and healthy discussion on the topic followed. He said that members should be on the lookout for a survey link that would seek to gather opinions on how and where meetings are held. He encouraged everyone to take the survey and then share it with his or her Republican friends.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business discussed.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business discussed.

### **Announcements:**

Conrad Pogorzelski read voter registration statistics for Gaston County, including the number of Republicans, Independents, and Democrats registered throughout the county.

Upon a motion made by Robert Pope, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm



Jonathan L. Fletcher, Secretary

**Next meeting: July 13, 2015 at Hillbilly's BBQ, 930 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia. 6:00 - Dinner, 7:00 - Meeting**