

Gaston County Republican Party

Executive Committee Official Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2015

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

Chairman Anne Huggins called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and an agenda was provided. Jonathan Fletcher gave the invocation and Conrad Pogorzelski led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary: The Minutes from the September meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee and were available at the meeting. The Minutes were approved by acclamation without objection.

Chairman:

Chairman Anne Huggins recognized current and former elected officials present.

Treasurer: Treasurer Edward Dunlap gave a report on the finances of the party for the month of September. He submitted copies of his report to the Chairman and Secretary, which reported the opening balance of the General Operating Fund on September 1, 2015 as \$91.46. There was income of \$300.00, expenses of \$42.70, resulting in an ending balance of \$348.76 on September 30, 2015. With \$1.06 in interest received, there is \$25,880.28 in the Money Market (Savings) Fund, bringing the total operating cash to \$26,229.04. There is \$5,100.00 in the building fund.

CLUB REPORTS

GCRW: Juanita Wagner reported that the club's next meeting will be Oct. 15th at 12:00pm at Jackson's Cafeteria.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Commissioner Tracy Philbeck reported that the Commission would be holding a work session, would hear a report given by the adoption committee, and would hear a report from Commissioner Williams concerning the Caramont Fund Task Force.

TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPORT:

Brett Keeter announced the 4th Annual Taste of the 10th Fundraiser for Congressman McHenry, which would also serve as a birthday party for the Congressman. He noted that although Congressman McHenry had announced a run for Majority Whip, the election would likely not happen due to McCarthy's withdrawal from the Speaker's race.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

School Board Member Dot Cherry reported that there were 34,000 students (and counting) in the Gaston County School System. She also reported that all plans for the new schools were running on schedule.

CANDIDATE SPEECHES:

Chairman Huggins opened the floor to 2015 municipal candidates for one minute speeches. The following candidates spoke (in chronological order): Gastonia Ward 3 – Richard Akers, Jim Gallagher, Don Grant; Gastonia Ward 1 – Steve Harrison.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:

Chairman Huggins introduced Hal Weatherman, Chief of Staff for Lt. Governor Dan Forest.

Mr. Weatherman spoke about the importance of maintaining a steady “drum beat” cadence in campaigning for the party and candidates leading into 2016 and beyond. His plan includes going to the voters and bringing them the message of the party, effectively using the media, and educating both voters and volunteers.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

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Chairman Anne Huggins presented the Chairman’s Spotlight for the month of October to Conrad Pogorzelski.

Senator Kathy Harrington announced a fundraiser on Thursday October 15th, featuring Sen. Buck Newton, a candidates for NC Attorney General.

Upon a motion made by John Torbett, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jonathan Fletcher". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Jonathan L. Fletcher, Secretary