

Sussex County Republican Executive Committee Meeting

Manor House – Lewes, DE

March 12, 2018

MEETING MINUTES

- ✚ CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Petitmermet at 6:84 pm. There was a quorum of 35 members, with 8 guests in attendance.
- ✚ INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 39th RDC Ralph Scott
- ✚ APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by 20th EDC Larry Mayo to accept as printed. Approved.
- ✚ WELCOME OF ELECTED OFFICIALS: State Senator Bryant Richardson, State Senator Ernie Lopez, State Party Secretary Carol Bodine, 14th District Representative Candidate James DeMartino.
- ✚ TREASURER'S REPORT:
 - Reviewed by Treasurer Bill Gorton. Moved to accept subject to financial review.
- ✚ SECRETARY'S REPORT:
 - Secretary Linda Creasy. Motion to approve minutes of 11/13/17 by 20th RDC Laurie Purdy. Motion carried.
- ✚ CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:
 - Asked attendees for opinion of Manor House venue – very positive.
 - Advisory Board has discussed the topic of dues and reviewed the feedback from EDCs via their RDCs. Probably not the time for dues yet, but we will need people to utilize the envelopes that will be on each table at monthly meetings.
 - This will not be an easy election cycle. Governor Carney has already stated that he wants to make Sussex County blue again. Will need a superior effort from everyone.
- ✚ UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
 - State Convention – Secretary Linda Creasy
 - Rehoboth Convention Center 4/27 Dinner, 4/28 Convention
 - Still waiting for final cost from state
 - Current list of delegates/alternates read into record. Motion to approve carried.
 - Motion by 38th RDC Bob Lawless to approve any names added to the list between now and the convention, at the discretion of the secretary. Motion carried.
 - Communications Committee Update – CC Chairman Sandra Fennell
 - RDCs can now post information on the website
 - Excellent new content on website and on Facebook
 - Donate button on website is now working

✚ NEW BUSINESS:

- State Chairman Mike Harrington has set up a state Social Committee. Kathy and Hylton Phillips-Page and Bo Shockley are the representatives from Sussex County
 - Hylton Phillips-Page: There will be one event/month. The county in which the event takes place will keep all proceeds...costs will be covered by the state.
 - Working in conjunction with other club events, not competing with them.
 - Next Sussex event is at Cooter Brown's in Rehoboth on 3/25, 4-6 pm. \$30 includes drinks and appetizers. Meet US Senate Candidate Gene Truono.
- RDC Updates:
 - 14th – Laurie Purdy: Meeting with James DeMartino in support of his campaign
 - 20th – Larry Mayo: Next meeting 3/20, Manor House. Also, Constitutional Course at Manor House every Monday starting 3/19.
 - 36th - Trish Dunlap: 2 representative seats opening in 36th district.
 - 37th – Stan King: Next meeting 3/21, IR Fire Company. Ruth Briggs-King and Brian Pettyjohn to speak
 - 38th – Bob Lawless: Next meeting 3/24, Carol Bodine's house – lit drop. Carol has an opponent this year.
 - 39th – Ralph Scott: Thanks to Carol Richardson for bringing 2 new people to the last RD meeting. Hoping they will become new EDCs.
 - 41st – Matt Revel: Rich Collins is planning a spring fundraiser. More info to follow. New people coming in, so hope to have new faces among EDCs.

✚ COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARTY:

- 35th EDC Lee Transeau: delegates/alternates need to know what we are voting on at convention ahead of time so we can discuss
- Parliamentarian Miguel Pirez-Fabar: Must find strong candidates to replace those who are retiring, etc. Need to maintain minimum of 13 in Senate in order to have any leverage in Dover.

✚ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 3/23 – Party/Fundraiser for Candidates and Elected Officials at Dover Downs, \$25/ticket, candidates/elected will keep all tix \$ for the tix they sell.
- 4/22 – Fundraiser – Blue Coast Seafood Grill, Rehoboth. 4-6 pm. \$30
- 5/20 – Fundraiser – The Wheelhouse, Lewes. 4-6 pm. \$30
- 6/13 – Fundraiser – Sunset Cruise, Lewes. 7-9 pm. BYO \$30

✚ MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion to adjourn by Hylton Phillips-Page at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Creasy, Secretary