

Sussex County Republican Executive Committee Meeting

Georgetown Cheer Center – Georgetown, DE

January 11, 2016

MEETING MINUTES

- ✚ CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Billy Carroll at 7:01 pm. There was a quorum of 63 members of the Executive Committee and 9 visitors.
- ✚ APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by RDC Bob Lawless to approve agenda as amended. Carried.
- ✚ INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 20th RDC Cathy Watts, 20th EDC Bill Duveneck
- ✚ WELCOME FIRST TIME GUESTS: Chairman Billy Carroll welcomed first time guests.
- ✚ INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND GUESTS: Chairman Carroll welcomed State Senator Bryant Richardson, State GOP Secretary and Ocean View Councilwoman Carol Bodine, candidate for Governor Lacey Lafferty and candidate for Insurance Commissioner George Parish.
- ✚ TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Chairman Billy Carroll for December 2015. Motion to accept by RDC Bob Lawless. Carried. Chairman Carroll also announced the resignation of Vicki Carmean and that applications will be accepted for the position until 5 pm on 1/30. The AB will make a recommendation to the Executive Committee at the February meeting based on applications received.
- ✚ SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from the November 9, 2015 meeting distributed. Motion to accept by EDC Duke Brooks. Carried.
- ✚ EDC CONFIRMATIONS:

RD41 ED1	Marie Jordan (T)
RD41 ED7	Rob Crouse (T)
- ✚ EDC NOMINATIONS: None
- ✚ EDC REMOVALS: Submitted by 35TH RDC Jordan Warfel for lack of attendance:
 - Steve McCarron
 - Jason Dean
 - Michael Bass
- ✚ GUEST SPEAKER: 14th RDC Tony Matero – 2016 Campaign Committee Plan/GOTV
- ✚ CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:
 - As this is an election year, we plan to have several exciting activities.
 - Per our last EC meeting, we are working to redefine the SCEC
 - Considering change in number of EC meetings. AB will continue to meet monthly and RDs should continue to meet regularly.
 - EC will definitely meet in February and March, but there will be no April meeting due to the state convention, which will be held on 4/29 and

4/30. Based on the February and March meetings, we will determine the EC meeting schedule for the rest of this year.

- Campaign Committee to focus on campaign training, strategic planning and determining the role we will play in 2016. This would include new voter registration, capturing independent voters, working with special groups such as senior centers, etc.
- As a kickoff for the election season, we will hold a straw vote just prior to the primary. This will be run through the Sussex GOP HQ, which has been beautifully updated, and will give us the opportunity to showcase the office, introduce Sussex Republicans to our HQ, and give voters a chance to voice their preferences in the primary.
- To run the kickoff, we need to ensure full coverage of HQ, so a sign-up sheet was distributed to all RDCs to get volunteers.

✚ REPUBLICAN OF THE MONTH:

- January 2016 ROM – Phoebe Cottingham for her work with the Eastern Sussex Republican Club, updating the GOTV database and various election campaigns.

✚ UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 38th RD – RDC Bob Lawless: Next meeting 1/25, SC Library, 7 pm, Public Safety Symposium
- SCRWC Update – Cathy Watts: Next meeting 1/27, Kings Creek CC, 11 am, to include installation of new officers
- ESRC Update – Phoebe Cottingham: Next meeting 1/25, Hampton Inn, 6:15 pm. Lincoln Day Dinner – 2/13, Lewes Yacht Club
- Rules Committee – Miguel Pirez-Fabar: Next meeting 11/10, GOP HQ, 7 pm

✚ NEW BUSINESS:

- Planned Parenthood Resolution – EDC Luke Risbon. Approved by voice vote.
- State Convention Update: Secretary Linda Creasy. Current list of delegates and alternates read into record. Convention 4/30, cost and speaker TBA.
- Legislative Update: Sen. Bryant Richardson. Update on water tax, request for support of Rally for Life on 1/20, noon, Legislative Hall
- Motion by Jeannette Taylor, second by Ralph Scott to change regular EC meeting time from 7 pm to 6:30 pm. Motion carried – will start in February.

✚ COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARTY:

- Introduction of Mark Shaeffer, who filed today for County Council, District 3

✚ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Steve Smyk Coffee – 1/12, Surf Bagel, 7 am.

✚ MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion to adjourn by Duke Brooks at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Creasy, Secretary