

Sussex County Republican

Executive Committee Meeting

Georgetown Cheer Center – Georgetown, DE

January 17, 2017

MEETING MINUTES

- ✚ CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Billy Carroll at 6:35 pm. There was a quorum of 54 members of the Executive Committee and 7 visitors.
- ✚ INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 41st RDC Ken Currie
- ✚ APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by 38th RDC Bob Lawless to accept as printed. Approved.
- ✚ TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Bill Gorton. Filed subject to audit.
- ✚ SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretary Linda Creasy. Motion to approve minutes of 10/12/16 by 14th EDC Duke Brooks. Motion carried.
- ✚ CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:
 - Billy is also chairman of a non-profit organization that is promoting training for people in the maritime industry to help them get jobs. He has applied for and received a grant. The organization is working with other non-profits, including Charlie Copeland's, on a Challenge Program to train for and promote jobs. In 2008 Barack Obama closed 2 auto plants in DE, which had a devastating effect on the economy. Consequently, the average income in Sussex County is just \$27K, while most merchant mariners make just under \$50K. As Republicans, we need to work on creating good jobs, and this is a good opportunity.
 - Although DE is not a Right to Work state, would like to at least make state employees Right to Work.
 - Encouraged members to take advantage of bus trip to Inaugural
 - March meeting will also be a fundraiser at the Georgia House on 3/13. Brief meeting followed by dinner/raffle with Don Lewis as guest speaker. More info forthcoming.
 - When elected Chairman, Billy had several goals, including:
 - Getting R elected to County Council – successful
 - Getting R elected to Clerk of the Peace – successful
 - Unseating Pete Schwartzkopf – unsuccessful
 - Create War Chest – pushed aside when he realized that doing so during an election year would take funds that would otherwise go to candidates. Considering excellent network of Republican groups in the county that were raising funds, deferred until 2017. First effort at War Chest will be aforementioned March fundraiser
 - Future – wants input from members on goals for the future of the party
 - Republican of the Month Recipients:
 - August 2016 – Frank and Joan Vara
 - October 2016 – Kim Gibson
 - November 2016 – Connie Hliva
 - December 2016 – Trish Dunlap
 - January 2017 – Bill Murphy

✚ UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Founders Club – Larry Mayo. Need at least 40 more to join. Installment plans available. Envelopes passed.
- SCEC Elections - Review by Secretary Linda Creasy. Application deadline is Saturday, 1/28/17 at 5:00 pm.

✚ NEW BUSINESS:

- Fundraising – Chairman Billy Carroll/Treasurer Bill Gorton.
 - March 13th, Georgia House - combination brief meeting and fundraiser, planned guest speaker is Don Lewis. Will also award first annual Jerry Wood Service Award at this event – recipient is 14th RDC Laurie Purdy.
 - June 2017 – BBQ at Trap Pond
 - October 2017 – Halloween Party, Nassau Fire Hall in Lewes
 - December 2017 – Christmas Party, Lewes area

✚ COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARTY:

- Fred Silva – drug OD issue in Delaware
- Mary Spicer – Fundraiser for Steve Smyk, 10/21 at Fort Miles

✚ MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion to adjourn by Bob Lawless at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Creasy, Secretary