

Sussex County Republican Executive Committee Meeting

Georgetown Cheer Center – Georgetown, DE

February 8, 2016

MEETING MINUTES

- ✚ CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Billy Carroll at 6:36 pm. There was a quorum of 75 members of the Executive Committee and 13 visitors.
- ✚ APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by EDC Kim Hoey-Stevenson to approve agenda. Carried.
- ✚ INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 20th RDC Cathy Watts, 35th EDC John Gooss
- ✚ 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 Representative Rich Collins, Eastern Sussex Republican Club President Phoebe Cottingham, and candidate for Governor Lacey Lafferty.
- ✚ TREASURER’S REPORT: Presented by Chairman Billy Carroll for January 2015. Motion to accept by EDC Kim Hoey-Stevenson. Carried.
- ✚ SECRETARY’S REPORT: Minutes from the January 11, 2015 meeting distributed. Motion to accept by EDC Laurie Purdy. Carried.
- ✚ EDC CONFIRMATIONS:

RD41 ED1	Marie Jordan
RD41 ED7	Rob Crouse
- ✚ EDC NOMINATIONS:

RD37 ED3	Bo Shockley
RD37 ED3	Will Breasure
RD37 ED6	Michael Zabec
- ✚ GUEST SPEAKER: Tony Matero/Phoebe Cottingham – 2016 Campaign Committee Plan/GOTV Training, with additional input from Ken Currie and Keith Banks, who shared their experience working with the program and what worked well for them.
- ✚ CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:
 - Brief explanation of action to remove 3 EDCs last month
 - Overview of GOTV Training that Tony Matero will be leading tonight. GOTV is critical, as we are extremely close to becoming the majority in Sussex.
 - State has announced replacement for John Fluharty. We do not have the full name, but she is from NH and used to work with Sen. Ayotte.
 - Status update on Code of Conduct – proposed Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics have been forwarded to the Rules Committee. Final revision will be incorporated into the new Rules of the Sussex GOP.
 - Question by Mary Spicer – will the EC be voting on the new rules? Yes, the EC will vote on the rules, as well as the Code of Conduct that will be part of the rules.

- Rich Collins – complimented the committee for the increase in Republican voter registrations. Help is needed to get more R's in the general assembly. Despite some criticism of the Sussex GOP, people are flocking to the party. Stay on message, keep up the good work.
- Bill Murphy thanked Rep. Collins for his recent vote and staying true to his word.

✚ REPUBLICAN OF THE MONTH:

- February 2016 ROM – Armand Carreau for her work with the Conservative Writers Group, as well as his work at HQ and on various campaigns. Presented by Miguel Pirez-Fabar, who also noted that ghost writers are needed.

✚ UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- SCRWC Update – Cathy Watts: Next meeting 2/24, Luncheon Meeting, Kings Creek CC, Danny Short and Ernie Lopez, speakers

✚ NEW BUSINESS:

- Chairman Carroll recognized Laurie Purdy for her efforts in going door to door to register voters. She has now surpassed the 600 voter mark.
- Chairman Carroll state that two people have expressed an interest in the Treasurer position – Tom Idnurm and Bill Gorton. Action will be deferred to the next meeting, as Bill Gorton is out of town.
- State Convention Update: Secretary Linda Creasy. Current list of delegates and alternates read into record. Convention 4/30, cost and speaker TBA. Motion by Bob Lawless to allow the secretary to make any necessary updates to the convention delegate list between now and the state due date. Carried.
- Reminder that we need a Communications Director
- Legislative Update: Sen. Bryant Richardson. Complimented GOTV presentation. Encouraged attendance at movie about Kermit Gosnell, showing at Dover Mall on 2/15 @ 4:30 pm. Noted Pastors Leadership Summit at Dover Downs on 3/17

✚ COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARTY:

- Ken Currie – the Curries and Duvenecks will be putting together a large yard sale to raise money. Encouraged everyone to participate. When spring cleaning, don't throw it out, donate it to the yard sale. Date TBA, but latest early May.
- Tony Matero will have optional nuts and bolts training after meeting.

✚ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Steve Smyk Coffee – 2/9, Surf Bagel, 7 am.

✚ MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion to adjourn by Bill Murphy at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Creasy, Secretary