

Sussex County Republican Executive Committee Meeting

Cheer Center, Georgetown, DE

February 11, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

- ✚ CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Petitmermet at 6:35 pm. As this was initially an election meeting, there was no quorum. 65 individuals were in attendance.
- ✚ INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Don Petitmermet
- ✚ ELECTIONS: Secretary Linda Creasy
 - No contested positions – all applicants approved by acclamation.
 - Based on elections, quorum for remainder of meeting was met, with 53 members and 12 guests in attendance.
- ✚ APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by 38th EDC Bob Lawless to accept as printed. Approved.
- ✚ INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND GUESTS: Chairman Don Petitmermet
 - In attendance were State Senator Brian Pettyjohn, State Senator Bryant Richardson, State GOP Vice-Chair Emily Taylor, State GOP Secretary Carol Bodine, ESRC President Phoebe Cottingham, Former US Senate Candidate and Sussex County Councilman Rob Arlett.
- ✚ TREASURER'S REPORT:
 - Reviewed by Treasurer Bill Gorton. Motion to accept subject to financial review by 14th RDC Laurie Purdy. Motion carried.
- ✚ SECRETARY'S REPORT:
 - Secretary Linda Creasy. Motion to approve minutes of 1/14/18 as printed by 38th EDC Bob Lawless. Motion carried.
- ✚ CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:
 - Although Sussex County turned out enough voters to hold downstate seats, we still allowed 2 Democrats to be elected in other areas. Did not do enough to offset the Democrats,
 - Disheartened that there were no applicants for the Chairman or Treasurer positions.
 - Need to do a better job at all levels. Can't do things the same way and expect different results. This includes party leadership.
 - Executive Committee meetings will be held every month moving forward – 2nd Monday. Mark calendars now.
- ✚ NEW BUSINESS:
 - DE State GOP Convention – Friday and Saturday, May 3rd and 4th. Newark Executive Hall. \$50 each for Friday dinner and Saturday convention. Working to obtain discount rate at nearby hotel. Registration deadline is 4/14/19.

✚ ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ESRC Lincoln Day Dinner, 2/16/19, Lewes Yacht Club
- Sale on Trump merchandise – GOP HQ.

✚ COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARTY:

- 20th RDC Tom Jordan and 14th EDC Peggy Thomas – commentary on issues with Democrat activities/strategies.
- Sen Bryant Richardson – 2 upcoming bills, petition (Nelly Jordan has copies). Also, new voting machines for next election – will print out a copy of your vote so you can verify that it was recorded correctly.
- State Secretary Carol Bodine – commentary on dangers of proposed voter harvesting, e.g., early voting, same day registration (will not allow time to verify/avoid multiple voting).

✚ MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion to adjourn by 38th EDC Bob Lawless at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Creasy, Secretary