

Sussex County Republican Executive Committee Meeting

Georgetown Cheer Center – Georgetown, DE

March 9, 2015

MEETING MINUTES

- ✚ CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vince Calabro at 7:04 pm. There was a quorum of 69 members of the Executive Committee and 35 visitors.
- ✚ INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Newly elected 35th RDC Jordan Warfel
- ✚ WELCOME FIRST TIME GUESTS: Chairman Calabro recognized first time guests.
- ✚ INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND GUESTS: Chairman Calabro welcomed State Senator Bryant Richardson, State Senator Brian Pettyjohn, State Representative Ruth Briggs-King, State Representative Rich Collins, Register of Wills Cindy Green, County Councilman Rob Arlett, State GOP Vice Chairman Nelly Jordan, State GOP Secretary Carol Bodine, and Sussex County Republican Women’s Club President Alana Keeley.
- ✚ TREASURER’S REPORT: Presented by Treasurer Vicki Carmean for February 2015. Noted addition of Office Improvement Program for HQ, headed by Bill and Sally Duveneck. This will show as a separate line item on the Treasurer’s Report. Motion to accept by EDC Bob Lawless. Accepted as printed.
- ✚ SECRETARY’S REPORT: Minutes from the February 9, 2015 meeting distributed. Motion to accept by EDC Bob Lawless. Seconded and accepted.
- ✚ EDC CONFIRMATIONS:
 - RD20 ED1 Erin McCall
 - RD20 ED2 Bill Duveneck
 - RD20 ED6 Tom Jordan (T)
 - RD20 ED9 Carl Smink (T)
 - RD36 ED5 Shawn Dunlap (T)
 - RD37 ED4 Ken Dynan (T)
 - RD38 ED4 Joe Loughran (T)
 - RD41 ED5 John Rieley
- ✚ EDC NOMINATIONS:
 - RD14 ED6 Glenn Condon (T)
 - RD20 ED1 Larry Settle (T)
 - RD20 ED8 Bill Gorton (T)
 - RD20 ED10 Sandra Fennell
 - RD35 ED1 Michael Bass
 - RD35 ED1 Felicia Warfel
 - RD35 ED7 Ronald Yoder (T)
 - RD36 ED5 Trish Dunlap (T)
 - RD36 ED6 Cheri Willey
 - RD36 ED7 Daniel McEntire
 - RD36 ED8 Mark Blattel
 - RD39 ED6 Dan Messick
 - RD40 ED1 Linette Greener

✚ 2015 STATE CONVENTION DELEGATES: Partial list read into record for approval. Balance of delegate list to be submitted at April EC Meeting. Final list will be printed when list is complete, filed with the April minutes at HQ, and will be available upon request.

✚ REPUBLICAN OF THE MONTH:

- March 2015 ROM – Dean and Marilyn Costas

✚ UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Young Republicans – Matt Revel. Next meeting 3/19. Promoting meeting/social on 4/15, 2 pm, Dogfish Head Brewery in Milton.
- Eastern Sussex Republican Club - Tony Matero. Lincoln Day Dinner was very successful. Next ESRC Meeting 3/23, Hampton Inn – speakers will be George Cole and Joan Deaver.
- Sussex County Republican Women’s Club – Alana Keeley. Next meeting 3/25, 11 am, Sussex Pines CC, speaker John Fluharty, April meeting 4/22, 6 pm, Sussex Pines CC, Fundraiser Gala Reception/Dinner, 4/25, 6 pm, speaker Dan Bongino
- Writers Group – Armand Carreau provided update.
- 38th District Republican Club – Dr. Wayne Carmean provided update.
- State Rules Committee – Miguel Pirez-Fabar advised that this committee determines which rules/amendments will go before the delegates to the state convention for vote. A major rule change is that there will no longer be a state Nominating Committee, but will instead have an Endorsement Committee. The purpose of this change is to allow support of all candidates given the change in the state convention date in 2016. Once the Sussex membership of the committee gets a summary from the state Rules Committee Chairman, Miguel will be able to provide a printed explanation to the EC.

✚ NEW BUSINESS:

- 14th – Tony Matero. Next meeting 3/23, Hampton Inn.
- 20th – Cathy Watts. Thanks to those that have helped her in new position, looking for more EDCs.
- 38th – Billy Carroll. 38th wants SC to be the vanguard in creating a conservative Republican candidate for statewide office that we can support and get elected. Also wants to help other regions get organized toward this same goal.
- Bob Lawless – currently on Ocean View Town Council, at end of term limit, endorsing Carol Bodine for his position. Election 4/11. Seeking contributions to Friends of Carol Bodine, campaigning help, prayer.
- Per AB nomination, motion by Pete Bohn, second by Fred Sponseller to appoint Bruce Fitzgerald and Ken Currie as Sergeant-at Arms. Approved.
- Vince Calabro – thanks to all that supported and attended the Unity Dinner.
- Miguel Pirez-Fabar announced candidacy for Indian River School Board.

✚ GUEST SPEAKER: State Senator Bryant Richardson – evaluation of the pros and cons of the new budget submitted by Gov. Markell. Related some of the challenges of being in the minority in legislature, and general info he has gained from his work in committee. Sen. Richardson remains optimistic about the future of the state and is grateful to his supporters and those that helped him get elected.

✚ MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion to adjourn by Fred Sponseller at 8:22 pm.