

Sussex County Republican Executive Committee Meeting

Cheer Center, Georgetown, DE

March 11, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

- ✚ CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Petitmermet at 6:35 pm. There was a quorum of 50 members, with 24 guests in attendance.
- ✚ INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 36th RDC Mitch Denham
- ✚ 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 Bryant Richardson, State Representative Jesse Vanderwende, County Councilman John Rieley, US Representative candidate Lee Murphy, State GOP Chairman Mike Harrington, State GOP Chair candidate Chuck Boyce, State GOP Vice-Chair Emily Taylor, State GOP Vice Chair candidate James DeMartino, State GOP Secretary Carol Bodine and ESRC President Phoebe Cottingham,.
- ✚ TREASURER'S REPORT:
 - Current report distributed. In the absence of the Treasurer, formal report was deferred. Any questions may be directed to Chairman Petitmermet.
- ✚ SECRETARY'S REPORT:
 - Secretary Linda Creasy. Motion to approve minutes of 2/11/18 as printed by 38th EDC Bill Murphy. Motion carried.
- ✚ CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:
 - Thank you for prayers and calls for Don's family
 - AB has discussed last election – we simply did not do a good enough job. Need to determine why many did not vote. This will require a good deal of work from the EDCs.
 - State Convention – delegates must also register on state website.
 - Comments from DE GOP candidates in attendance:
 - Carol Bodine, candidate for Secretary
 - Would appreciate votes at convention
 - James DeMartino, candidate for Vice Chair:
 - Need clear, concise message for party
 - Must be constitutionally based and well- communicated
 - Need strong leadership
 - Chuck Boyce – candidate for Chair
 - Message should include issues that resonate with all Rs in Delaware
 - Solid infrastructure for candidates
 - Focus on data management/interpretation
 - Transparency within the party
 - Better stewardship of funds
 - Will be send out a platform summary to all delegates

- Mike Harrington, candidate for Chair
 - Review of background in Chair position to date
 - Recruiting best candidates – provide financial backing
 - Target legislative races that we can win
 - Support incumbents
 - Hire new positions – data, signs, etc.
- Chairman Petitmermet requested that candidates provide contact info to secretary
- Possible new meeting venues – watch email for developments

✚ NEW BUSINESS:

- 2019 State Convention info – Secretary Linda Creasy

✚ ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

- SCRWC – voter class on 4/2/19 @ 6:30 pm, Ocean View Town Hall
- ESCRC – next meeting 3/18/19 @ 7:00 pm, Manor House – Lewes. Guests: Sen. Bryant Richardson, Rep. Steve Smyk, Peggy Marshall-Thomas.
- Sale on Trump merchandise – GOP HQ.

✚ MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion to adjourn by 39th RDC Kevin Heenan at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Creasy, Secretary