

Sussex County Republican Executive Committee Meeting

Georgetown Cheer Center – Georgetown, DE

April 11, 2015

MEETING MINUTES

- ✚ CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Fred Silva at 7:02 pm. There was a quorum of 84 members of the Executive Committee and 42 visitors.
- ✚ INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 41st RDC Ken Currie, with special prayers for the family of Pat Dundas
- ✚ WELCOME FIRST TIME GUESTS: Vice Chairman Silva announced that Chairman Calabro was unable to attend due to an unexpected personal commitment.
- ✚ INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND GUESTS: Vice Chairman Silva welcomed State Senator Bryant Richardson, State Representative Ruth Briggs-King, State Representative Ron Gray, County Councilman Sam Wilson, State GOP Secretary Carol Bodine, George Parish, candidate for Insurance Commissioner, Dr. Jose Saez, candidate for Cape Henlopen School Board, and Miguel Pirez-Fabar, candidate for Indian River School Board
- ✚ TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Treasurer Vicki Carmean for March 2015. Cautioned the group about dwindling funds in our account. Motion to accept by EDC Bob Lawless. Accepted as printed.
- ✚ SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from the March 11, 2015 meeting distributed. Motion to accept by RDC Ken Currie. Seconded and accepted.
- ✚ EDC CONFIRMATIONS:
 - RD14 ED6 Glenn Condon (T)
 - RD20 ED1 Larry Settle (T)
 - RD35 ED1 Michael Bass
 - RD35 ED1 Felicia Warfel
 - RD35 ED7 Ronald Yoder (T)
 - RD36 ED7 Daniel McEntire
 - RD39 ED6 Dan Messick
 - RD40 ED1 Linette Greener
- ✚ EDC NOMINATIONS:
 - RD14 ED2 Kim Hoey-Stevenson (T)
 - RD20 ED7 Karen Kempton
 - RD35 ED2 Bill Atwood
 - RD40 ED7 Alan Gore
- ✚ 2015 STATE CONVENTION DELEGATES: Partial list read into record for approval, to be added to list from March. Secretary Creasy asked for a motion to allow additional delegates submitted between now and the deadline of May 11th to be approved by the secretary without a vote of the board. Motion by RDC Ken Currie, second by EDC Bob Lawless. Motion carried.

✚ REPUBLICAN OF THE MONTH:

- April 2015 ROM – Bruce Ervin

✚ CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Vice Chairman Fred Silva spoke about the issues with the Western Sussex Republican Club (now name D Sussex County Republicans Club). He stated that any and all errors that were made regarding the creation of the club and the subsequent Unity Dinner were made with good intentions and no ill will. VC Silva formally apologized to anyone that was negatively affected by the group's actions, and stressed that lessons have been learned from the mistakes and will not happen again.

✚ UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Sussex County Republicans Club (formerly Western Sussex Republican Club) – Don Petitmermet, Chairman. Detailed history of club from origin to present and issues with the Unity Dinner. Stressed that no checks that were made out to the WSRC have been cashed. All are being returned, with the option to rewrite to Sussex County Republicans Club, if desired. Clearly errors have been made, albeit with the best of intentions. His job is to correct these mistakes and ensure accuracy and transparency of the group moving forward.
- Eastern Sussex Republican Club – Phoebe Cottingham. Next ESRC Meeting 4/27, Hampton Inn – CHSB Candidate Forum. May meeting 5/18 – Ruth Briggs-King, speaker.
- Sussex County Republican Women's Club – Cathy Watts. Next meeting 4/22, 6 pm, Sussex Pines CC – Sen. Brian Pettyjohn, speaker, Fundraiser Gala Reception/Dinner, 4/25, 6 pm, speaker Dan Bongino, May meeting 5/18, Rep. Ruth Briggs-King, speaker.
- 38th District Republican Club – Dr. Wayne Carmean. Next meeting 4/27, South Coastal Library, 6:30 pm, Alana Keeley, SCRWC President, speaker.

✚ NEW BUSINESS:

- New Committee – Advisory Board has voted to form a Finance Committee of 3-5 members, tasked with evaluating budgetary needs and necessary fundraising activities. Chair – Vicki Carmean, Members – Billy Carroll, Ken Currie, and 1-2 EC volunteers. See Vicki or Fred if you are interested in serving on this committee.
- New Position – Advisory Board has voted to add the position of Program Chairman, who will be tasked with developing a schedule of speakers and back-ups so that all are scheduled and confirmed well in advance. See Fred or Linda if you are interested in the position.

✚ GUEST SPEAKERS:

- Pastor John Betts, Abundant Life Church – spoke on the importance of knowing our founding fathers in order to understand not only who we are as a nation, but also the true intent of the words of the Constitution, and to accurately and resolutely pass this knowledge on to future generations.
- John Foltz, candidate for DE GOP Vice Chairman – provided a synopsis of his political background and enjoyment of working in the political arena. Stated that he is running because he wants to win votes for Republicans in state and county elections.

✚ MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion to adjourn by Bob Lawless at 8:21 pm.