

Sussex County Republican Executive Committee Meeting

Georgetown Cheer Center – Georgetown, DE

May 11, 2015


MEETING MINUTES

- ✚ CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Fred Silva at 7:06 pm. There was a quorum of 71 members of the Executive Committee and 10 visitors.
- ✚ INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 37th RDC Stan King
- ✚ WELCOME FIRST TIME GUESTS: Vice Chairman Fred Silva
- ✚ INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND GUESTS: Vice Chairman Silva welcomed State Senator Bryant Richardson, State Representative Ruth Briggs-King, and State GOP Secretary Carol Bodine.
- ✚ TREASURER’S REPORT: Presented by Treasurer Vicki Carmean for April 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 April 13, 2015 meeting distributed. Motion to accept by EDC Bob Lawless. Accepted as printed.
- ✚ EDC CONFIRMATIONS:
 - RD14 ED2 Kim Hoey-Stevenson (T)
 - RD20 ED7 Karen Kempton
 - RD20 ED8 Bill Gorton (T)
 - RD20 ED10 Sandra Fennell (T)
 - RD35 ED2 Bill Atwood
- ✚ EDC NOMINATIONS:
 - RD35 ED5 Heidi Kenton (T)
- ✚ 2015 STATE CONVENTION: Secretary Creasy stated that there were 3 delegates that had recently encountered financial difficulties that would preclude them from attending, and asked that the committee consider “passing the hat” to provide assistance. Funds raised would be applied toward registration for Saturday only, and any extra would go into the Sussex GOP General Fund and will be reported at the next EC meeting. Accepted.
- ✚ REPUBLICAN OF THE MONTH:
 - May 2015 ROM – Keith Banks, Ian Knight, James DeMartino, Kim Hoey-Stevenson
- ✚ GUEST SPEAKER:
 - Rep. Ruth Briggs-King – Inside Legislative Hall. Overview of current/pending bills, including those in which Rep. Briggs-King has played a key role, challenges of accomplishing goals as the minority. Stressed that we need to be better

prepared – “fail to plan, plan to fail”. Need to start getting voters registered now, but more importantly, need to get those voters to the polls on election day. Need to focus on policy, not politics.

 UNFINISHED BUSINESS:


- Young Republicans – Matt Revel. Next meeting in June, at which new officers will be elected
- Conservative Writers – Armand Carreau. New blogsite: www.sussexgop.net
- Eastern Sussex Republican Club – Tony Matero. Next ESRC Meeting 5/18 – Ruth Briggs-King, speaker. June meeting on 6/22 – Ken Simpler, speaker. All meetings held at the Hampton Inn in Rehoboth at 7 pm.
- Sussex County Republican Women’s Club – Cathy Watts. Thanks to all who supported Fundraiser Gala Reception/Dinner on 4/25. May dinner meeting 5/27, Rep. Ruth Briggs-King, speaker.
- 38th District Republican Club – Dr. Wayne Carmean. Next meeting 5/18, South Coastal Library, 6:30 pm, Tom Wagner, speaker. Red, White & Blue Dinner at Cripple Creek CC, 6/8, Ken Simpler, speaker.

 NEW BUSINESS:

- Finance Committee – Vicki Carmean provided update (summary available), members now also include Billy Carroll, Ken Currie, James DeMartino, and John Rieley. Motion for committee to continue their work made by Tony Matero, seconded by Will Fox. Carried.
- State Rules Committee – Miguel Pirez-Fabar advised of three proposed rule changes that will be voted on at the convention.
- GOP Website – Ken Currie provided update, wants to expand on the Compassion Feature on the site. Special thanks to Sal Zisa and Armand Carreau.
- Plan to Grow the Party – Billy Carroll offered his vision for the growth of the party in Sussex County.

 ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Public Hearing, 5/18, Lincoln Community Hall, 7 pm. Rich Collins, Rob Arlett, speakers.
- Roots of Liberty Educational Seminar, Kris Anne Hall, speaker. 6/20 Abundant Life Church, Georgetown, 10a-4p. No charge.

 MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion to adjourn by Bob Lawless at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted – Linda Creasy, Secretary