

Sussex County Republican Executive Committee Meeting

Georgetown Cheer Center – Georgetown, DE

July 13, 2015

MEETING MINUTES

- ✚ CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Fred Silva at 7:10 pm. There was a quorum of 77 members of the Executive Committee and 12 visitors.
- ✚ INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 38th RDC Billy Carroll
- ✚ WELCOME FIRST TIME GUESTS: Acting Chairman Fred Silva
- ✚ INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND GUESTS: Acting Chairman Silva welcomed State Treasurer Ken Simpler, State Senator Bryant Richardson, State Representative Ruth Briggs-King, and State GOP Secretary Carol Bodine.
- ✚ TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Treasurer Vicki Carmean for May and June 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 May 11, 2015 meeting distributed. Motion to accept by RDC Fred Sponseller. Accepted as printed.
- ✚ EDC CONFIRMATIONS: None
- ✚ EDC NOMINATIONS:
 - RD20 ED6 Nelly Jordan (T)
- ✚ REPUBLICAN OF THE MONTH:
 - May 2015 ROM – Phil Drew
 - June 2015 ROM – Connie Hliva
 - State Republican of the Month for July – Miguel Pirez-Fabar
- ✚ GUEST SPEAKER:
 - State Treasurer Ken Simpler – Update on the Treasurer's Office.
 - 23 employees in 6 units
 - Consultant hired to evaluate strengths and weaknesses of current operation and to determine ways to improve efficiency
 - Concern that cuts that have been made are the wrong ones, and we are therefore not getting the revenues we have been seeking
 - Revenue and expenditure processes are both flawed
 - Summary of the work of the Advisory Council on Revenues
 - Goals: increase efficiency, productivity, and value

✚ UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Sussex County Republican Women's Club. Next meeting 9/23, Sussex Pines. Upcoming Fashion Show at Abbotts Grill on last Saturday in September.
- 38th District Republican Club. Bonfire, 8/17, Fenwick Island Beach.

✚ NEW BUSINESS:

- Review of Election Information for August EC Meeting
 - Election Committee has voted to suspend the rule (for this election only) that requires 30 days between the vacancy announcement and the election. This is simply because our next meeting falls 29 days from the announcement date and the committee determined that it was more important to fill the position at the next meeting rather than deferring the election another full month because of a 1-day difference
 - Election Committee has voted to suspend the rule (for this election only) that states that EDCs holding Temp positions cannot vote. Executive Committee members have made it clear that they feel that temps should be able to vote, and the Election Committee is suspending the rule to honor that view.
 - Overview of Q & A and election format
 - Concern raised by EDC Ken Towers regarding the voting eligibility of EDCs that have not been attending regular meetings
 - Acting Chairman Silva advised that if the individual's RDC has not taken any action due to absences, the EDC would still be eligible to vote. The rules state that a member may be removed for 3 consecutive unexcused absences, but it would be up to the RDC to initiate such an action.
- SCGOP Chairperson Candidate Remarks
 - Billy Carroll – Review of resume, emphasis on action vs. patience.
 - Mary Spicer – Review of resume, emphasis on service in Delaware.

✚ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- John Rieley – Fundraiser for SCGOP at his farm, 7/18, 6 pm, \$50/pp. Speakers from Washington, DC & Live Music.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Creasy, Secretary