

Sussex County Republican

Executive Committee Meeting

Georgetown Cheer Center – Georgetown, DE

September 14, 2015

MEETING MINUTES

- ✚ CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Billy Carroll at 7:01 pm. There was a quorum of 62 members of the Executive Committee and 19 visitors.
- ✚ APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by RDC Bob Lawless, 2nd by EDC Chuck Griffiths to approve agenda as written.
- ✚ INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 40th RDC Fred Sponseller
- ✚ WELCOME FIRST TIME GUESTS: Chairman Billy Carroll
- ✚ INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND GUESTS: Chairman Carroll welcomed State Senator Bryant Richardson, State Representative Ruth Briggs-King, State Representative Rich Collins, Register of Wills Cindy Green, County Councilman Sam Wilson, County Councilman Rob Arlett and State GOP Secretary Carol Bodine.
- ✚ TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Secretary Linda Creasy for Treasurer Vicki Carmean for August 2015. More detail will be provided by Treasurer Carmean next month. Motion to accept by RDC Bob Lawless. Accepted as printed.
- ✚ SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from the August 10, 2015 meeting distributed. Motion to accept by RDC Bob Lawless. Accepted as printed.
- ✚ EDC CONFIRMATIONS: None
- ✚ EDC NOMINATIONS:
 - RD36 ED6 Cheri Harmon
 - RD36 ED6 Matt Harmon
 - RD38 ED3 Patrick Carroll (T)
- ✚ CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:
 - Special Upstate Election – could have gone better, opportunity squandered. Need to view as a lesson vs. finger pointing. We need to resolve that when special elections arise in the future, we look to ourselves and our leadership to organize help from Sussex.
 - Communications - need to move to next level, including website improvements, latest email addresses, possible newsletter featuring short essays from Republican officials. Make the website a “go-to place.” Ken Currie stressed that the content from the website must come from the RD's or other designated ED's. Sally Duveneck also wants all info to be easily accessible at HQ.
 - Fundraising - dinner fundraiser will be held on 10/19/15 from 5-8 pm at the Georgia House in Millsboro. Tickets will be \$20 for adults, \$10 for children. Also plan to have major fundraiser at the beginning of the year – more to follow.

- Received Position Statement from SCRWC, DFRW, SRWC – most of the AB meeting was devoted to this topic. An unbiased committee will be formed to investigate the concerns raised in the statement and to develop a Code of Conduct for adoption by the SCGOP.

✚ REPUBLICAN OF THE MONTH:

- September 2015 ROM – Bryant Richardson
- State Republican of the Month for September – Jim Dundas

✚ GUEST SPEAKER:

- RD Representatives – State Republican Party Guiding Principles.

✚ UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 14th RD – RDC Tony Matero: Voter Registration list divided and distributed by ED, EDCs get list, map, and two follow up letters to new voters. Next meeting 9/21, Rehoboth Library.
- 20th RD – RDC Cathy Watts: Now have 16 EDCs, thanks to all who have stepped up to serve
- 35th RD – RDC Jordan Warfel: Very close to becoming a Republican majority district, 296 voters difference. Next meeting 9/21 in Greenwood. Chief Anderson will be speaking.
- 36th RD – RDC Jim Dundas: Main focus is to find new EDCs. Working with outside conservative groups, improving trust and communication with them to get them more involved.
- 37th RD – RDC Stan King: EDCs working door to door, along with 14th and 20th. All elected officials send letters to new voters – RD will, as well.
- 38th RD – Chairman Billy Carroll: Thank you to all the 38th for their support while RD. RDC Bob Lawless: Kudos to EDC Tony Caputo, who has manipulated the Voter Registration list to make it simple for callers, updated emails, etc. He has also worked on the phone solicitation process for new voters and has developed a script. Eager to work with other RDs. Next meeting 9/28, S. Coastal Library, 7. Followed by 38th Republican Club meeting – Kevin Wade, speaker.
- 39th RD – RDC Don Petitmermet: Working with voter registration lists, EDCs getting individual lists of new voters, seeking formal training. Next meeting 9/28. Seaford Library.
- 40th RD – RDC Fred Sponseller: Personal letter from RDC to all new voters, copied to EDCs. Speaker at next meeting will be Rob Arlett.
- 41st RD – RDC Ken Currie: One EDC vacancy. Getting list of all Homeowners Associations to use for voters. Plan to talk to HAs, then follow up with door to door. Next meeting 9/28.
- Young Republicans Update – Matt Revel:
- SCRWC Update – Alana Keeley: Focus now is on fundraising. Next meeting 9/23, dinner meeting, Ken Simpler speaker. Fashion Show 9/26 \$35. Upcoming Hans Riegel Fundraiser.
- Eastern Sussex RC Update – Tony Matero: Next meeting 9/28, Brian Pettyjohn, speaker.
- Rules Committee Update – Miguel Pirez-Fabar: Stressed importance of going to website to get a copy of the rules, study them, bring suggestions for updates.

✚ NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion by RDC Bob Lawless, 2nd by EDC Tony Caputo to add “Comments for the Good of the Party” to the Executive Committee meeting agenda. Approved.

✚ COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARTY: 39th EDC Tom McGean spoke on the breakdown of our cultural and moral fabric, which he deems a more serious threat than any current economic or foreign problems. Must defend the family against relentless attacks by progressives in government.

✚ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- EDC Will Fox – Crime Prevention Meeting with DSP and local leaders at Lincoln Community Center, 9/21/15. 7 pm.
- Rep. Rich Collins – Coffee meetings will now be held at night, as well. Next meeting is 9/23/15 at Doyle’s Restaurant in Selbyville, 7 pm.
- EDC Bill Murphy – reminder that 9/21/15 is Thank a Police Officer Day.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Creasy, Secretary