

Sussex County Republican

Executive Committee Meeting

Georgetown Cheer Center – Georgetown, DE

October 12, 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 84 members of the Executive Committee and 10 visitors.
- ✚ APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by RDC Bob Lawless to approve agenda as amended. Carried.
- ✚ INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 41st RDC Ken Currie
- ✚ WELCOME FIRST TIME GUESTS: Chairman Billy Carroll welcomed David Gibson.
- ✚ INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND GUESTS: Chairman Carroll welcomed State Senator Bryant Richardson, State Representative Rich Collins, County Councilman Rob Arlett and State GOP Secretary Carol Bodine.
- ✚ TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Treasurer Vicki Carmean for September 2015. Motion to accept by RDC Bob Lawless. Carried.
- ✚ SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from the September 14, 2015 meeting distributed. Motion to accept by RDC Bob Lawless. Accepted as printed. Continued with Finance Committee Update – Georgia House Fundraiser Dinner will be on 10/19, from 5-7 pm, and will include a silent auction. Brief caucus breakout to sell additional tickets was very successful.
- ✚ EDC CONFIRMATIONS:

RD36 ED6	Cheri Harmon
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RD38 ED3	Patrick Carroll (T)
- ✚ EDC NOMINATIONS:

RD14 ED3	Diana Robertson (T)
RD20 ED9	Tom Idnurm (T)
RD40 ED5	David Gibson (T)
- ✚ GUEST SPEAKER: County Councilman Rob Arlett spoke on the importance of unification within the party. Noted and thanked all present who unified and worked on his campaign. Stressed that people are the solution to both federal and local problems. Need more people that are looking at solutions vs. being divisive. Should be proud of the fact that Sussex County is the home of small government, low taxes and big dreams. Reminded all the every EC member is an elected official, and along with that comes responsibility. Infighting is simply a distraction from our goal, which is to get out the "R" vote. Recognize the power that you have, stop being distracted and do what is necessary to get Republicans elected. We must win!

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- Review of statement from women's groups, and follow-up statements from several RDs and clubs regarding statements made on radio that they felt were disparaging toward women. Advisory Board held a special meeting with reps from most of the groups involved to air concerns. Reviewed possible courses of action. Chairman sent out a message stating that we need the support of the women's groups in Sussex, and that the issue will be addressed and resolved.
- Need to redefine how we operate so that most of the operation is done locally vs. at the Executive Committee level. Suggestions have been made to change the EC meetings to quarterly or every other month. RDC and AB meetings would continue to be held every month. This is a topic for consideration of the EC and will be brought up for vote next month.
- Continuing to work on a Code of Conduct for the committee. Concern noted from the floor that as adults, we don't need such a code.
- Mary Spicer – expressed disagreement with the idea of fewer EC meetings
- Barbara Sikora – spoke in defense of those accused in the complaint. Tired of the childishness. Current leadership was elected fairly, time for everyone to behave like leaders.
- Suggestion from the floor that the WGMD tape be placed on the website.
- Bill Gorton – no one that called in identified themselves as a member of this committee. If we are going to take punitive action against freedom of speech, we may as well start calling ourselves the Democrat Party.
- Billy Carroll clarified his announcement regarding the possibility of changing EC meeting schedule. He is trying to make the most effective use of committee members' time. Several proposed schedules will be presented at the next meeting, and the EC will make the final decision at that time.

REPUBLICAN OF THE MONTH:

- October 2015 ROM – Tony Caputo

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 14th RD – RDC Tony Matero: Has 3 possible candidates for state rep, but none will run until current issue is resolved. Next meeting 10/20, Rehoboth Library.
- 20th RD – RDC Cathy Watts: November potluck has been postponed until next year. Thanked Tony Matero, state caucuses and all who supported the women's position statement. Next meeting 10/21, GOP HQ.
- 35th RD – RDC Jordan Warfel: No meeting this month.
- 36th RD – RDC Jim Dundas: Main focus is to find new EDCs and focus on Planned Parenthood issues. Confident that we will not let the current issue make us lose sight of the big picture and our committee goals.
- 37th RD – RDC Stan King: October meeting TBA.
- 38th RD – RDC Bob Lawless: Noted that SCGOP rules are being followed to the letter in working toward resolution of current issue and reporting will be as transparent as possible. Next meeting 10/20, S. Coastal Library, 6 pm.
- 39th RD – RDC Don Petitmermet: Concerned that we are continuing to waste time. Time to focus on the election. Next meeting 10/26, Seaford Library.
- 40th RD – RDC Fred Sponseller: No update.
- 41st RD – RDC Ken Currie: Anecdote to illustrate that people are always watching what we do. Next meeting 10/26, Indian River Senior Center.
- SCRWC Update – Cathy Watts: Thank you to those who supported and participated in the Fashion Show on 9/26 – raised between \$6-7K to be used in

support of candidates. Next meeting 10/28, Dinner meeting at Sussex Pines CC, speaker Danny Short.

- 38th District Republican Club - Drew Sunderlin: Next meeting 10/20, Rehoboth Library, 7 pm.
- Eastern Sussex RC Update – Phoebe Cottingham: Next meeting 10/26.
- Rules Committee Update – Miguel Pirez-Fabar: Incumbent upon all EC members to read and understand the current rules. In response to earlier question about the authority of EC regarding the current issue, EC has full authority to do or reverse anything. Rules Committee will be meeting prior to the next EC meeting to cover first 3 articles.

✚ NEW BUSINESS:

- Update by Ken Currie on his efforts to work with and utilize area HOAs, as well as the potential for the committee to increase voter registration and turnout by doing the same. Members are influential and know their neighbors. We should view them a political “targets” in our election efforts.

✚ COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARTY: None.

✚ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- NCC Fundraising Debate Event 11/10, 6:30 pm, Greenville CC, \$150/ticket

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Creasy, Secretary