

# Sussex County Republican Executive Committee Meeting

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Georgetown Cheer Center – Georgetown, DE

November 9, 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: 14th RDC Tony Matero
- ✚ WELCOME FIRST TIME GUESTS: Chairman Billy Carroll welcomed first time guests.
- ✚ INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND GUESTS: Chairman Carroll welcomed State Senator Bryant Richardson, State Senator Brian Pettyjohn, State Representative Ruth Briggs King, State Representative Rich Collins, State Representative Ron Gray, Register of Wills Cindy Green and State GOP Secretary Carol Bodine.
- ✚ TREASURER’S REPORT: Presented by Treasurer Vicki Carmean for October 2015. Motion to accept with minor typographical correction by RDC Bob Lawless. Carried.
- ✚ SECRETARY’S REPORT: Minutes from the October 12, 2015 meeting distributed. Motion to accept with minor correction by RDC Tony Matero. Carried.
- ✚ EDC CONFIRMATIONS:

RD14 ED3	Diana Robertson (T)
RD20 ED9	Tom Idnurm (T)
RD40 ED5	Dave Gibson (T)
- ✚ EDC NOMINATIONS:

RD20 ED10	Anna Mayo (T)
RD41 ED1	Marie Jordan (T)
RD41 ED7	Rob Krause (T)
- ✚ GUEST SPEAKERS:
  - Brian Pettyjohn – Planned Parenthood funding appears twice - \$91, 600 in FY2016 state budget (from Tobacco Settlement Fund) and \$30, 600 in Grant and Aid bill. Senator Pettyjohn does not like the “packaging” of bills. Republicans can vote bills down, but that also means defunding other viable recipients. The way to fight this is to elect more Republicans. We only need two more to take control of the Senate – must find the right candidates.
  - Rich Collins – New storm water regulations are rendering much of Sussex County land unusable. The court has determined that DNREC changed the regulations illegally, which sets the precedent that state agencies cannot change regulations without informing the public. While this ruling is good, the current extreme regulation still exists and is making it nearly impossible for citizens to open new small businesses. In a similar issue, the Delaware Constitution requires that any increase in fees must be introduced in a standalone bill and obtain 2/3 majority approval. Two years ago, the General Assembly made a huge mistake in voting to allow DNREC to raise fees at will. This must be changed back.

 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- Need to support legislators in Dover, go to Leg Hall when votes come up.
- Reports from legislators in attendance:
  - Ron Gray – general overview of current activities, including work on the dredging project in the 38<sup>th</sup>
  - Ruth Briggs King – recently appointed to both the Prevailing Wage Council and the Education Funding Committee. Noted that they are constantly getting requests for funding and assured us that the Southern Caucus is carefully reviewing and standing firm on budgetary requests
  - Bryant Richardson – update on “the numbers”. There are 2 upstate senators that will likely be seeking higher office, so there will possibly be 2 special elections this year. Also urged all to read “Confrontational Politics” by H.R. Richardson
- Overview and update on radio controversy:
  - Noted that the committee has made numerous statements supporting the women’s groups and expressing the desire to work with and include them in our activities.
  - Committee agreed to develop a Code of Conduct
  - Investigative Report by R. Admiral (Ret) Mimi Drew has been submitted and includes her evaluations and recommendation, which was to disband the committee for one year.
  - Committee must remain in existence and will not disband
  - There will be a series of special AB meetings to evaluate and rethink how we operate to ensure that this type of situation does not happen again. First such meeting will be on 11/30/15. Will strive to make the committee and the operation thereof better.
  - Enthusiastic about the future of the Sussex GOP
  - Special thanks to Sally and Bill Duvneck and Vicki Carmean for their efforts on the Georgia House Fundraising Dinner

 REPUBLICAN OF THE MONTH:

- November 2015 ROM – Lewis Briggs III

 UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 37<sup>th</sup> RD – RDC Stan King: Ruth Briggs King Holiday Fundraiser – 12/2, Marvel Museum, 6:30 pm, \$100/couple
- Young Republicans – Matt Revel: Next meeting 11/12, GOP HQ. Had successful debate watching part for last Republican debate.
- SCRWC Update – Cathy Watts: Next meeting 11/18, Sussex Pines CC, speaker Hans Reigle, will include special tribute to veterans.
- Rules Committee – Miguel Pirez-Fabar: Next meeting 11/10, GOP HQ, 7 pm

 NEW BUSINESS: None.

 COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE PARTY: None.

✚ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Chicken Industry Film hosted by Rich Collins – 11/17, Clayton Theater, 7 pm
- Republicans For Sussex Debate Watching Party – 11/10

✚ MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion to adjourn by Tony Matero at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Creasy, Secretary