

GASTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 10, 2012

Chairman Craig Collins called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Representative Kelly Hastings gave the invocation and Dana Bumgardner led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary: The minutes from the August meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee and were available at the meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer: Treasurer Edward Dunlap reported a balance on August 1, 2012 of \$18,930.80. We had an income of \$1,000.05 and disbursements of \$553.51. The balance on August 31, 2012 was \$19,377.34.

CHAIRMAN:

We have opened a NCGOP Victory Office. Margaret Beveridge has been hired as the Regional Field Director for Gaston, Lincoln and Cleveland counties. The office is located upstairs in the same building as Gaston County Headquarters, 155 York Street, Gastonia, phone 704 648 3702. This office will be responsible for phone banking and the door knocking campaign. Thank you to Steve Amos for helping to get the new phone system installed. The automated phone system is so much faster and records the responses of each survey. As a result, RNC national campaign has logged 20 times as many calls as in 2008.

We need volunteers in both offices. Please contact HQ Chairperson Barbara Hammerle to work a 3 hour shifts from 10am to 7pm, six days a week. 704 675 2420

We are coordinating the final stages of our campaign. The Township Chairs should be organizing each area of the county. The Precinct chairs need to find volunteers for early voting and Election Day. We need volunteers to hand out judicial palm cards. Also we need a coordinator for the Poll Watchers and Poll Workers.

We have ordered Romney/Ryan bumper stickers and will sell them for \$1.00 each. Also we ordered 144 Tee-Shirts which we will sell for \$15 for one and 2 for \$20.00. We will be making a profit on each sale.

October 31, is the deadline for mailing an absentee ballot.

If you watched the Democratic convention, you saw that they had originally left God out of their platform. The vote to add God back to the platform was a sham and then the yes decision was loudly booed. This should offend any religious voter and is a sure sign that freedom of religion is at risk. The Gaston County Democratic Party is very liberal on all issues.

Thank you to Sharkey's Restaurant for continuing to host our meetings. Please thank them by enjoying dinner at the restaurant. Don't forget to tip the servers.

Please sign in on the Attendance list provided by our Secretary, Pat Smith.

GUEST SPEAKER

David Robinson is a candidate for the North Carolina Court of Appeals. He has practiced law in for over 20 years in North Carolina, in both large law firms and in a one-lawyer firm. Our appellate courts play a major role in creating a predictable legal system for all North Carolinians and their businesses. He would not legislate from the bench. He passed out cards with the names of the NC conservative judges: Paul Newby, David Robinson, Martin McGee and Chris Dillon. They are listed as non-partisan, so we must get the word to the voters.

CLUB REPORTS

GCRW Day Club: Jan Wright announced the next meeting will be on September 20, 2012 at noon at the City Club of Gastonia. They have a dynamic speaker, K Carl Smith from the Frederick Douglas Republicans. Miss Gaston County will also attend. In October they invite all the candidates to speak to the members. Bonnie Jansen will chair the Festival Committee. We will sell jewelry and GOP buttons. Please put these dates on your calendar: October 6 - StanleyFest; October 10-13 - Cherryville; October 13 - Belmont. Chris Willhauck is chairman of the Voter Registration committee. Be sure to watch for a "flock of elephants" to land on your yard! With this fun fundraiser, you must pay to have the elephants leave your yard and/or pay more for them to go to your friend's yard

GCRW Evening Club: Barbara Hammerle reported they will meet on September 18, 2012 at Hillbilly's on Garrison Blvd. at 6:30. Margaret Beveridge will be the Guest speaker. They have a new website. Barbara passed around a list to sign up to work at HQ.

Young Republicans: Chairman Daniel Ware announced they will meet on September 24, 2012, at Hillbilly's in Lowell. Young Republicans are working on campaigns all over the US.

Belmont Abbey College Republicans: Chairman Nick Haywood said they are holding a voter registration drive on the campus. Their first meeting will be September 25, 2012.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Commissioner Chad Brown reported they are studying the budget, and expect to advance several new ideas.

TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPORT:

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Campaign Manager Madeline Keeter discussed Patrick McHenry's opponent, NC Rep. Patsy Keeter. She is one of the most liberal NC representatives, supports Obamacare and sponsored the Medical Marijuana Act. Every Monday evenings are "McHenry Monday's" call nights. Madeline is asking for a volunteer to organize early voting for McHenry.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Howell announced his candidacy for the Gaston County School Board.

Pat Smith reported on the National Convention.

Margaret Beveridge asked for volunteers at the Victory Center.

Lauren Bumgardner has been hired to coordinated voter registration.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Next meeting: October 8, 2012 at Sharkey's, 141 W. Main St., Gastonia. 6:00 - Dinner, 7:00 - Meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Pat C. Smith
Secretary

Craig Collins	Lee Ann MacMillan	Pat Smith	Edward Dunlap
Mary F. Forrester	Steve Amos	Jeffrey Bryson	Jason Williams
Barbara Hammerle	Robert Becker	Shannon Williams	Daniel Ware
Jan Wright	Nicholas Haywood	Kelly Hastings	Chad Brown
Locke Bell	Thomas Taylor	Madeline Keeter	Neil Moore
Mike Harrington	Jim Gallagher	Dana Bumgardner	Lauren Bumgardner
Neil Chastain	Ina Jones	Pennie Thrower	Gary Thrower
Jill Carrizales	Chris Howell	Rick Hodges	