

# GASTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 10, 2012

Chairman Craig Collins called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Vice Chairman Lee Ann MacMillan gave the invocation and Thomas Brawley led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## OFFICERS REPORTS

**Secretary:** The Minutes from the September 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 September 1, 2012 of \$19,377.34. We had an income of \$3,758.50 and disbursements of \$1,622.39. The balance on September 30, 2012 was \$21,513.45

## GUEST SPEAKER

Vice Chairman of the NCGOP Wayne King reminded us that the future of our America was at stake in this election. In the next 29 days we need to put this election first and be committed to winning this race. One of the most important races is to reelect Judge Newby to the NC Supreme Court. Right now the NC Supreme court has a 4 to 3 majority of conservative judges, if he loses we would have a liberal court. Wayne listed many of the things we could do to help restore hope in our country.

Mary Frances Forrester is coordinating a Fundraiser for Pat McCrory to be held on October 13, 2012 from 6:00-7:30 at the Gaston County Club. Everyone is invited to attend.

## CHAIRMAN:

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 voter guides. Pat Smith will be coordinating the workers for Early Voting and Election Day. Sharon Moss, Jan Wright, Viddia Torbett and Vicky Flowers are helping to identify volunteers. Lee Ann MacMillan is the coordinator for the Poll Watches and Poll Workers. Margaret Beveridge from the Victory Office will be responsible for the phone banking and the Door Knocking campaign. We need volunteers to man the desk for the Gaston GOP, working 3 hour shifts from 10am to 7pm, six days a week. 704 675 2420 We sold through our Romney/Ryan bumper stickers at \$1.00 each. Also we ordered a second shipment of 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. We were able to join with the NCGOP in developing an oversized post card Voter Guide with the local Gaston County candidates listed on the back. This saved us \$6,000. We are using a mailing service to send out 35,000 cards, and ordering 20,000 to hand out at early voting and Election Day. We hosted an "Evening with Sue Myrick" as a thank you to her for all her service to Gaston County, and as a fundraiser for the Gaston GOP. Barry Smith, Edward Dunlap and Brett Keeter coordinated this event held on October 7<sup>th</sup> at Lotus Restaurant. Thank you to everyone who attended and donated. Everyone come to HQ the night before the election to take signs out to the local precincts. 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.

## CLUB REPORTS

**GCRW Day Club:** Jan Wright announced the next meeting will be on October 18, 2012 at noon at the City Club of Gastonia. All the candidates have been invited to speak to the members. They had a great day on October 6 at Stanley Fest with lots of volunteers and enthusiastic voters. Upcoming festivals are: October 10-13 - Cherryville; October 13 - Belmont. The Club has paid for a Billboard on I-85 with a picture of club members and "Gaston County Republican Women Support the Romney & Ryan Team". Over 300,000 people drive by this sign every week.

**GCRW Evening Club:** Barbara Hammerle reported they will meet on October 16, 2012 at Hillbilly's on Garrison Blvd. at 6:30. All the candidates are invited to speak.

**Young Republicans:** Chairman Daniel Ware announced they will meet tomorrow at the North Star Restaurant in Dallas at 6:30. They will help with the festivals.

**Belmont Abbey College Republicans:** Chairman Nick Haywood said their first meeting was September 25, 2012. They need help with funding.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Commissioner Tracy Philbeck reported a new coordination between the Department of Social Services and the Crisis Pregnancy Center.

## TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPORT:

Brett Keeter announced that Congressman McHenry recently toured the Crisis Pregnancy Center and the Room at the Inn, the two Pro-Life facilities in Gaston Co. On October 15<sup>th</sup> please attend the Candidate Forum at Gaston Day School. The McHenry Victory Party will be on November 6, 2012 starting at 7:00 the Courtyard by Marriott on Remount Rd. in Gastonia. The Gaston GOP will participate in this event.

## OLD BUSINESS:

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The Township Chairs reported:

Viddia Torbett said the Riverbend Township had met with Jan Wright, Jonathan Fletcher and Vicky Flowers to plan early voting for the Mt Holly site.

Jeff Bryson nominated Bob Harwell to be the new Precinct Chair for #19, South Gastonia. He was elected unanimously.

Julie Stroupe will assist with early voting and Election Day in Cherryville.

Jack Brown needs help in Flint Groves Precinct.

## NEW BUSINESS

The following candidates were given a chance to speak: Susan Lockridge, Register of Deeds; Dot Cherry Accurso for Board of Ed.; Alfred Current for Board of Ed.; Jeff Ramsey for Board of Ed.; Dana Bumgardner for NC House, District 109; Joe Carpenter for County Commissioner; Pennie Thrower for District Judge; Tom Taylor for District Judge; Kathy Harrington for NC Senate, District 43 and John Torbett for NC House, District 108.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Margaret Beveridge will collect absentee ballots for nursing homes.

Dana Bumgardner will host a BBQ on October 17 from 6:00-8:00 at Old Crow Farms on Union Rd, Gastonia.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

**Next meeting: November 12, 2012 at Sharkey's, 141 W. Main St., Gastonia. 6:00 - Dinner, 7:00 - Meeting**

Respectfully submitted,

Pat C. Smith, Secretary

Gus Anthony	Locke Bell	Thomas Brawley	Chad Brown
Larry Brown	Jeff Bryson	Joe Carpenter	Alfred Current
Edward Dunlap	Vickie Flowers	Mary F. Forrester	James Gallagher
Barbara Hammerle	Dennis Hammerle	Kathy Harrington	Nicholas Haywood
Brett Keeter	Tom Keigher	Susan Lockridge	Lee Ann MacMillan
Neil Moore	Tracy Philbeck	Jeff Ramsey	Pat Smith
Julie Stroupe	Thomas Taylor	Viddia Torbett	John Torbett
Daniel Ware	Neil Chastain	Jack Brown	Jim Brown
Jonathan Fletcher	Charmaine Gallagher	Don Grant	Ina Jones
Sharon Moss	Edith Parker	Rebecca Philbeck	Pennie Thrower
Gary Thrower	Margaret Beveridge	Rick Hodges	Bill Flowers
Cindy Hughes	Laura DeAngelo	Dan DeAngelo	Victoria Bumgardner
Dot Cherry-Accurso			