



GASTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 14, 2012

Vice Chairman Brett Keeter called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Gastonia City Councilman Jim Gallagher offered the invocation, and Vice Chairman LeeAnn MacMillan led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary: The minutes from the December meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee and were available at the meeting. The minutes were amended to reflect the Building Fund and were approved as amended.

Treasurer: Treasurer Edward Dunlap reported a balance on December 1, 2012 of \$15,791.50. We had an income of \$20.00, disbursements of \$250.00 and bank service fees of \$2.00 for an ending balance on December 31, 2012 of \$15,559.50. The Building Fund had a beginning and ending balance of \$5,000.

Chairman:

Chairman Collins had unexpected issues arise during the day so Vice Chairman Keeter presided over the meeting. Vice Chairman Keeter reported that Gaston County had a great showing in Raleigh for Governor McCrory's inauguration. He also encouraged Executive Committee members to nominate worthy Republicans for Republican of the Year & Lifetime Achievement Award prior to the January 20th deadline. Very few nominations have been received.

CLUB REPORTS

GCRW Day Club: New club President Juanita Wagner reported that the club's next meeting will be Thursday January 17th Noon at the City Club. The speaker will be former NC Rep. Bill Current.

GCRW Evening Club: No report.

Young Republicans: Chairman Daniel Ware announced that the next club meeting will be January 28th at Hillbilly's in Lowell and that the club will join with the Belmont Abbey CRs to send a group to the National March for Life.

Belmont Abbey College Republicans: Chairman Nick Haywood echoed the remarks about the National March for Life.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

The County Commissioners were absent because they were in a special meeting discussing a possible merger of the Health Department and DSS.

TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPORT:

Brett Keeter reported that Congressman McHenry voted against the Fiscal Cliff legislation. He feels it is simply kicking the can down the road until the next crisis. Also, the Congressman's

Gastonia Office is now open in the Gaston County Administration Building – 128 West Main Avenue, Suite 115, Gastonia.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lincoln Day Dinner Committee: Committee Chairman Madeline Keeter announced that the date for the dinner has been set for February 23rd. Speakers being considered are Lt. Governor Dan Forest and Congresswoman Renee Ellmers.

Awards Committee: Committee Chairman Brett Keeter reported that there have been very few nominations for the Republican of the Year Award and the Senator James Forrester Lifetime Achievement Award. The GOP had a tremendously successful year in Gaston County last year and there's no excuse to not have many more nominations. The deadline is January 20th.

NEW BUSINESS

Funding Request: The Belmont Abbey College Republicans and Gaston County Young Republicans are planning to attend the National March for Life in Washington, DC at a cost of \$40 per person. This includes transportation, food and lodging. Chairmen Ware & Haywood explained that they had 57 CRs & YRs going on the trip and they were \$500 from meeting their funding goal. Request is for Gaston GOP to donate \$500 to Belmont Abbey College Republicans for the purpose of costs associated with the trip.

Rep. John Torbett moved, Jerry Willhauck seconded that the GOP make the \$500 expenditure to the CRs for the March for Life Trip. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Next meeting: February 11, 2013 at Sharkey's, 141 W. Main St., Gastonia. 6:00 - Dinner, 7:00 - Meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Madeline Keeter
Acting Secretary

Attendance:

Madeline Keeter
Brett Keeter
Jason Williams
Neil Moore
Juanita Wagner
LeeAnn MacMillan
Jonathan Fletcher
Joshua Skidmore
Nicholas Haywood
Daniel Ware
Cory Bryson
Jack Brown
Conrad Pogorzelski
Christine Willhauck
Gerald Willhauck

Viddia Torbett
John Torbett
Susan Lockridge
Jeff Clark
Steve Amos
Tracy Philbeck
Julie Stroupe
Dana Bumgardner
Chad Brown
Jim Gallagher
Charmaine Gallagher
Don Grant
Neil Chastain
Edward Dunlap