



Gaston County Republican Party Executive Committee Official Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2015

Hillbilly's BBQ - 930 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia

Acting-Chairman Lauren Bumgardner called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and an agenda was provided. The Honorable Larry Brown gave the invocation and Madeline Keeter led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary: The Minutes from the May meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee and were available at the meeting. Upon a motion made by Madeline Keeter, the Minutes were approved.

Treasurer: Treasurer Edward Dunlap gave a report on the finances of the party beginning with February 2015 and covering through June of 2015. He submitted copies of his report to the Chairman and Secretary, which reported the opening balance of the General Operating Fund on Feb. 1, 2015 as \$258.95. There was income of \$10,266.00, expenses of \$5,919.56, and online fees of \$133.64, resulting in an ending balance of \$4,471.75 on June 30, 2015. With income of \$2,550.00 and \$4.17 in interest received, there is \$20,593.37 in the Money Market (Savings) Fund, bringing the total operating cash to \$25,065.12. There is \$5,100.00 in the building fund.

Chairman:

Acting-Chairman Lauren Bumgardner announced that Chris Howell had resigned as Chairman, and that according to the plan of organization she would serve as Acting-Chairman until a new Chairman was elected later in the meeting. She gave a report on the NCGOP convention held in Raleigh. She thanked the 29 Gaston County delegates that attended and commended Craig Collins on his run for Chairman.

CLUB REPORTS

GCRW: Juanita Wagner announced that the GCRW would be hosting a summer social at Rankin Lake Park on Thursday, July 23rd from 5:00pm – 8:00pm. All Republicans were invited to attend, regardless of age or gender. She announced that the next meeting would be Sept. 17th at Jackson's Cafeteria with School Board Member Dot Cherry as the featured speaker.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Commissioner Mickey Price reported that the normal July Commissioners' meeting had been postponed until the end of July and that the commissioners would be crafting the budget during the work session.

TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPORT:

Edward Dunlap announced that he was planning a 10th District Golf Tournament Fundraiser. More details are coming soon.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Chairman: Acting-Chairman Lauren Bumgardner opened nominations for filling the vacancy of Chairman.

Mary Frances Forrester rose to nominate Mary Anne Huggins (South Point Township, At-Large). Neil Moore seconded the nomination.

Edward Dunlap moved to close nominations, and the motion was approved. Mr. further moved to elect Mary Anne Huggins to the position of Chairman by acclamation. Without objection, Mary Anne Huggins was elected as Chairman of the Gaston County Republican Party.

Chairman Huggins thanked everyone for their support and asked for continued support of the party over the coming election cycle. She made copies of her resume available and gave a report outlining her plans for moving the party forward to success.

Biennial Budget: Treasurer Edward Dunlap announced that with the change in leadership, the officers felt it would be best to wait on approving the budget until the new Chairman had been elected and allowed to have input on the budget. He said that the budget would therefore be presented at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Executive Committee Vacancies: Jonathan Fletcher announced that there were some vacancies on the Executive Committee and that a few constituents had volunteered to serve in some of the positions. He made a motion to appoint Tom Brawley as the Pleasant Ridge Precinct Chairman, Laurin Standfield as the Tryon Precinct Chairman, and Luciano Pogorzelski as the Grier Precinct Chair. Without objection, the motion carried.

Announcements:

Anne Huggins announced that Pat and Barry Smith would be hosting a fundraiser reception at their home on Wed. Aug. 5th at 6pm to honor Lt. Governor Dan Forest.

Pearl Burris-Floyd announced that Congressman Patrick McHenry would be hosting an economic business summit on Washington, D.C. on Sept. 8th-9th and asked for support for him and his efforts. She also announced that the First Baptist Church in Dallas would be putting on a truck and car show on Aug. 22nd at 10:00am. She requested support from the party in attending the event and entering cars or trucks to help promote the party to the community.

Lee Ann MacMillan announced that she and Sheena Amos had been reappointed to the Gaston County Board of Elections. She invited everyone to the swearing-in ceremony, which would take place on July 21st. She also extended a recurring invitation to attend the BOE meetings, which are held the third Tuesday of each month at noon. She also announced that she would be running for National Delegate at the District Convention in 2016 and asked for consideration.

Jim Gallagher announced that he was running for reelection to the Gastonia City Council in Ward 3.

Don Grant announced that he was running for Gastonia City Council in Ward 3.

Edward Dunlap announced that he would be running for National Delegate at the District Convention.

Conrad Pogorzelski announced that he would be running for National Delegate at the Dist. Convention.

Upon a motion made by Edward Dunlap, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm



Jonathan L. Fletcher, Secretary

Next meeting: August 10, 2015 at Hillbilly's BBQ, 930 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia. 6:00 - Dinner, 7:00 - Meeting

Attendance:

Sheena Amos
Locke Bell*
Mark Bridges
Larry Brown *
Lauren Bumgardner*
Pearl Burris-Floyd*
Craig Collins
Michael Dixon
Edward Dunlap*
Jonathan Fletcher*
Mary Frances Forrester*
Charmaine Gallagher

Jim Gallagher
Alex Grant
Don Grant*
Donna Grant
Barbara Hammerle*
Dennis Hammerle*
Steve Harrison
Nick Huffman
Mary Anne Huggins*
John Howren
Ina Jones
Madeline Keeter*

Lee Ann MacMillan
Neil Moore*
Robert Neunzig
Conrad Pogorzelski*
Robert Pope*
Mickey Price*
Carolyn Ranch
Beth Silvers
Gary Thrower
Pennie Thrower*
Juanita Wagner*

*Executive Committee Members