

May 16, 2019 Beaufort County Republican Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

1. *Chairman call to order - 6: 30 PM*
2. *Invocation was provided by Jacki VanEssendeft*
3. *Pledge to the flag*
4. *Review of attendance - establish a quorum of 22 members with introduction of Ann Maatman who has joined the Fund-Raising committee.*
5. *Chairman remarks focused on the accomplishments of the Republicans related to but not limited to education, teacher salaries, and adult graduation rates. A handout will be sent with the meeting minutes. Keith Kidwell indicated he will provide additional information.*
6. *Officer reports - 1st VP, 2nd VP, Secretary, Treasurer*
 - 1st VP attended a Board of Elections Meeting and obtained hardcopy and disk information on all republican voters by precinct. He discussed the last-minute work needed to fill all poll worker positions.*
 - 2nd VP has resigned his position.*
 - Secretary reminded those attending the State Convention to review the posted list and provide any changes.*
 - Treasurer, Ken MacMillian, was absent so Proctor Kidwell reported on the current available balance of \$3,607.87 based on the Reagan Day Dinner and BC Convention.*
7. *Old business – Two republican candidates, Perry and Murphy will run off to compete for the state congressional seat.*
8. *Keith Kidwell was provided time to review Bill Summaries 2019-2020 Sessions. Of particular interest was House Bill 481 which would establish a procedure for the people of Beaufort County to initiate a referendum on whether to make changes to the structure of the BC Board of Commissioners. Other bills reviewed included H22-Ashley's Law, H28 Prohibits abortions after 13 weeks, H61 Omnibus Gun Changes and others. He pointed out what was*

equally important are bills that pass but also those that do not pass. He also encouraged the group go to NCLEG.net to review the bill summaries in detail.

9. *New business - Committee Reports:*

Communication: Chairperson is Kathy Waters. A team of three reached 549 voters by phone or text messages representing 75% of the republican voters in 12 precincts. Lessons learned included the need for more participation and to contact weak republican voters for the run off July 9 general election. The Data Analysis team will provide hardcopy spreadsheets.

Elections: The Precinct captains will be provided with hard copy information of all republicans in order to research phone numbers and contact people to increase the number of poll volunteers during elections. The 1st VP provided those at the meeting. Some but not all were taken. There are four (4) unaffiliated precincts so there is a need to develop a process and people to support getting the vote out. Washington Ward 2, while unaffiliated is being worked by the Secretary.

Speakers Bureau: Three people were identified as potential speakers. Dr. K.A Wiellis on the topic of Rural Health Care, Dan Forest for Congress and Mike Whatley who is running for State Republican Party Chair

Social Media/Marketing/Facebook/Twitter/Website: Will develop all candidate information. All republicans need to register on the website to grow the data based with current information and especially email addresses.

County Events: Temporary Chair, Dot Moate reported the committee recommends we participate in the following events: Aurora Fossil Festival, Washington Summer Festival and July 4th Parade in Belhaven. Funding for booth space was approved. Michael Buzzeo has withdrawn from Chairing this committee. Joe Sevicik and Nanci Colleary agreed to be Co-Chairs. A Google Calendar, "BC GOP" has been established and a link sent to existing members for calendar access. It will continue to be improved for online sign-ups for event participation. In the meantime, contact Joe Sevicik on 215-589-5723 to volunteer for local events so he can update the calendar.

Fundraising: Fred Kaplan and Dot Moate were approved to be co-chairs. A mission statement was developed along with a fundraising goal, from now until the 2020 election of \$15,000. The group will offer 50/50 tickets at each executive committee meeting as well as

all events, provided they meet financial rules requirements for the party. Three recommendations were identified by the committee: Reagan Day Dinner, Home Receptions, and Musical Event. Added to this list was the Shooting Event previously identified.

Data Analysis: A phone application was identified and approximately 10 people expressed interest. Based on a request for a demo an email was sent after the meeting to the appropriate persons with the recommended date of the next Executive Committee meeting June 18th.

10. Announcements - State Convention June 6-9

11. Next meeting June 18th 6:30 pm at the County Extension Center, 155 Airport Road, Washington, NC

12. Adjourn was at 8:00 PM

Submitted by

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