

Beaufort County Republican Party
Executive Committee Minutes – July 21, 2020

Chairman, Bill Cook, called the meeting to order by at 6: 30 PM

Invocation was lead by Jackie VanEssendelft.

Pledge to the flag was recited by those in attendance.

A quorum was established with 17 members in attendance with 11 absent as follows:

Excused: Gail Breed, Ruth Cauvin, Keith Kidwell, Joseph Knox, Jay McRoy, Jeffrey Trueblood, Tandy Dunn, Charlie Rose, Jimmie Southerland

Unexcused: Jerry Evans, Proctor Kidwell

Chairman Remarks: Chairman Cook reminded everyone that the Republican National Convention will be held on August 24, Jacksonville Florida. He said Treasurer Ken MacMillan will be moving to Florida soon, and asks for thoughts and suggestions on who we might ask to be the new Treasurer when that happens. David Cox, former Treasure offered to help with the books when needed. Steve Rader was in attendance and reported on latest registered Republican voters in Beaufort County. Republicans have increased to a number of 11,347 and Democrats have 11,822 with Unaffiliated at 643. Dan Forrest is only 2 1/2 points behind Governor Cooper for the Governor's race. Patricia Garrison reported on the Judicial Fundraiser on September 12 in Jamesville and encouraged everyone to attend. Patricia has tickets.

1st Vice Chairman, Paul Varcoe, reported he was keeping up with GOP issues across the state and locally, as well as attending 2 state meetings since last Board meeting. He volunteered in BCGOP Office 4 weeks in last month.

Jody Forrest was introduced, and welcomed to the meeting. She is a new Office volunteer. Jody been helpful in ordering Trump flags, pins and stickers, and helping with office matters.

Paul introduced a proposed **Resolution in Support of Sheriff's Office and other Law Enforcement Offices in Beaufort County (Washington, Chocowinity, Belhaven).** Copies were passed out, discussion held and a vote was taken with unanimous approval. Copies will be distributed to the media around the county to let the citizens know that the Republicans support law enforcement agencies.

Treasurer: Ken MacMillan gave an update on the Building Fund and Regular Fund reporting a Balance of \$6.300 noting that Congressman Greg Murphy had donated \$500.

Holden Spain, Regional Field Director for the Northeast Region: was introduced by Chairman Cook. Emma Arndt, **Chairwoman of East Carolina College Republicans** was also introduced. She is assisting Holden in this NE Region. They will be visiting voters door to door, giving out literature for state and local area candidates, and other activities as needed or requested each local community to get out the vote to help re-elect President Trump.

Holden explained how the **Trump Victory North Carolina County GOP/Yard Sign Plan** will work. It's a merit based system for disbursing Trump Presidential yard signs, which will help reduce the cost to purchase. Beaufort County is allowed 775 signs, and has received the first 193 without cost...but balance will be provided without cost depending on the Five Star System & the Three Tier Disbursements completed.

Fund Raising Committee Chairman, Fred Kaplan reported on the progress of Reagan Republican Rally to be held on September 17 at the Washington Country Club and the Golf Tournament on October 10 at Cypress Landing Golf Course. Folders were passed out which included flyers for both RRR and the Golf Tournament, separate documents with prices and application for each event and a list of 3 potential sponsors to be contacted. Leave completed forms and checks at the GOP Office or bring to the August 18 meeting.

GOP HQ Schedule was discussed with a thought to reduce hours at the office and concentrate on being open possibly from 10 - 2 or 11 - 4...until it gets closer to election day. A recommendation to be considered at next board meeting. This was suggested by Dot Moate who has been active in keeping the office open and helping Gail secure volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

Dot Moate

For Secretary, Gail Breed

Next meeting August 18, 2020, 6:30 pm. Location to be determined