

**July 13, 2021, Beaufort County Republican Party  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Carolyn Garris called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM. Patricia Garrison graciously gave the invocation. All joined in for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Quorum was established with twenty (20) members present. Donna Simon substituted for Gail Breed to take minutes. Below find the attendance for the July 13, 2021, meeting:

**Executive Committee Member Attendance: July 13, 2021**

Present		Excused Absence		Public Attendees	
Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name
Adkins	David	Breed	Gail	Cole	Paulette
Ahearn	Ina	Brickhouse-Norman	Lori	Elks	Sheri
Adkins	Loretta	Dunn	Tandy	Esterling	John
Brickhouse Norman	Lori	Moate	Doris	Esterling	Linda
Cauvin	Ruth	Moore	Brody	French	David
Cayton	William	Taylor	Linda	Fuson	Margy
Colleary	Nanci	Trueblood	Jeffrey	Hardison	Tanya
Cook	William	VanEssendelft	Jessica	Henderson	Donna
Dunn	Tandy	<b>Unexcused Absence</b>		Leary	Donna
Coward	Joyce			Peed	Paige
Forrest	Joanne	Last Name		Seighman	Gerald
Garris	Carolyn	First Name		Slann	Dawn
Garrison	Patricia	Brickhouse	Nancy	Richardson	Jessica
Knox	Joseph	Deathridge	Stan	Richardson	John
Hickman	Charles	Kidwell	John Burton Proctor	Rieg	Amy
Maatman	Anne	Morgan	Dolores	Rief	Joanna
Rader	Steven	Roe	Daniel	Wortman	Rob
Rebholz	John	Rose	Charlie		
Richardson	Hood	Moore	Brodie		
Richardson	Shirley	Shackelford	Wyatt		
Shackelford	Wyatt	Taylor	Linda		
Roberson	Bobby	Trueblood	Jean		
Trueblood	Jeffrey	Trueblood	Phillip		
Simon	Donna	Williams	Victor		
Varcoe	Paul				
Waters	Frank				
Waters	Kathy				
Whichard	Jimmie				

Chair Garris will announce the following people who are presumed to have resigned from EXCOM due to three unexcused absences at the August EXCOMM meeting. The Plan of Organization addresses removal by Unexcused Absences in Article V B.5

- Michael Bishop (4 missed: 4/20, 5/18, 6/8, 7/13)
- Kelly Cox (4 missed: 4/20, 5/18, 6/8, 7/13)
- Stan Deatheridge (3 missed: 4/20, 6/8, 7/13)
- John Burton Proctor Kidwell (4 missed: 4/20, 5/18, 6/8, 7/13)
- Daniel Roe (3 missed: 4/20, 5/18, 7/13)
- Jean Trueblood (4 missed: 4/20, 5/18, 6/8, 7/13)

Phillip Trueblood (4 missed: 4/20, 5/18, 6/8, 7/13)

Victor Williams (3 missed: 4/20, 6/8, 7/13)

Meeting Minutes for June 8, 2021, were approved. (Bill Cook 1<sup>st</sup>/ Jody Forrest 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Treasurer's Report: BCGOP Treasurer, Anne Maatman provided a finance report including the current level of available funds, revenue generated from the Reagan Rally (\$13K+) and activity growth for FB.

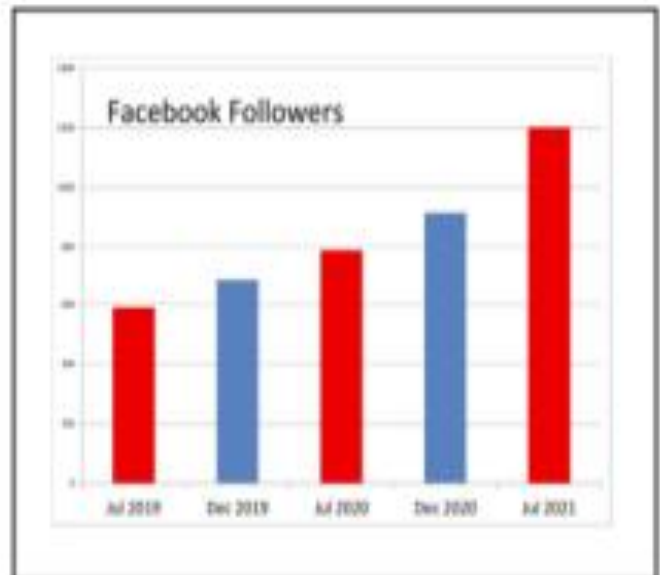


### Today's Balances

	Party	Building Fund	Total
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,804.24	\$ 3,616.66	\$ 5,420.90
Receipts	\$ 21,084.32	\$ 2,825.00	\$ 23,909.32
Expenses	\$ 10,268.04	\$ 0	\$ 10,268.04
Balance	\$12,620.52	\$ 6,441.66	\$ 19,062.18

### Categorized

	Receipts	Expenses	Net
Begin Balances	\$ 5,420.90		\$ 5,420.90
RRR	\$ 21,084.32	\$ 9,885.33	\$ 13,198.99
Flag Pins Sales	0	\$ 54.52	\$ (54.52)
Golf Tourney	0	\$ 39.00	\$ (39.00)
General	\$ 825.00	\$ 289.19	\$ 535.81
Totals	\$ 29,330.22	\$ 10,268.04	\$ 19,062.18



Steve Rader asked if we are on Free Speech, Parlor, etc. Anne indicated that it was on our radar.

John Rebholz explained Golf Outing. He asked for volunteer help. Each Fundraising Committee Member will receive a list of 5 potential sponsors (approx. 200 Total for group) that correlate to their residential location. John said that we had 4 (\$1000) sponsorships last year with a total yield of \$6500. The goal for the Fundraising Committee for the 2021 Golf Outing being held at Cypress Landing is \$12,000.

Chair Garriss also asked for volunteer help and explained that we need new blood.

Chair Garris announced the Down East Fundraiser (Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>). Harvey West has tickets. The NCGOP Judicial Victory Fund has been created to support Statewide Judicial races. We have 6 races and need conservative Judges to be elected. Chair Garrison called for a motion to support this event for \$1000. Bill Cook 1<sup>st</sup>/ Steve Rader 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed – no opposition.

Guest Speaker and Beaufort County Sheriff Candidate Scott Hammonds introduced himself and addressed the audience. Candidate Hammonds is a resident of Beaufort County. He is a retired State Law Enforcement MC Hwy Patrol Officer, former DMV license examiner, Chocowinity Police Officer (Aux). He has Federal Regulatory training. Field Training in Nuclear Radiological Studies, Army National Guard Veteran. He has rec'd his Captain's license and owns Pamlico River Tours. He is a kneel and pray Christian and lives day to day as a Christian. He was asked why he wanted to run. He responded that he has a passion to serve, he loves public services and wants to bridge services whether county or state. He said that the Sheriff's Office needs leadership. He wants to serve with transparency and accessibility. Candidate Hammonds expressed that when he was deployed, his Dad said "Don't embarrass your family name and how that carries with him every day to make his family proud. Bill Cook asked what he brought to the table that is different from the current Sheriff. Candidate Hammonds answered "I'll be there when you need me. If there is a criminal investigation, the people of Beaufort County will be communicated with, openly. That is proper management and procedures. Every employee can be assured that I will manage with transparency. There will be clarity and assurance that you can come to work if you are qualified and do a great job. I will communicate with every resident. When I was a shift Sgt, a supervisor, I took care of each and every complaint. I was trusted, trusted to take care of issues. And btw, the Sheriff's office wouldn't be MY door, it's YOUR door. It's the people's door. You are my Boss. Donna Wortman asked "if Governor Cooper tells you to do something that is against the Constitution, will you do it"? Candidate Hammond responded "I am a 100% a Constitutional believer. It is my Constitution. I own guns, let that not be a surprise to anyone. But remember this, we have more to be worried about than the Second Amendment. If there is any official that says differently than they are walking all over it. I am a man of my word. To the black community, I know you have doubts about law enforcement, but I promise you that I represent you, equally represent you, I commit to fairness and accountability. I am by the book. I believe in bonafide policy and procedures. I am ready for this day one. He asked that everyone go to his FB page.

### **Old Business**

- 1) Belhaven Report: Jody Forrest reported on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade that was held on July 3<sup>rd</sup> in Belhaven. She thanked Hood Richardson for his donation of water. Jody indicated that we made \$40 for pins, acquired 2 new Republican registrations, had great team work and had FUN! She asked everyone to join us next time.
- 2) Paul Varcoe revisited our monthly meeting date. We had changed our mtg date and have lost 3 people due to the change. He asked that we change it back to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every Month. Vote was held. Steve Rader 1<sup>st</sup>/ Patricia Garrison 2<sup>nd</sup>. No opposed. Passed. Patricia Garrison commented that she thought it was a good idea because the BOE mtg conflicted with this, especially with all the BOE issues.

### **New Business**

- 1) Paul Varcoe mentioned that he talks to Representative Keith Kidwell frequently. They spoke about how everyone could help. An idea was to get people to go to the State House in Raleigh to talk to Legislators / Committee Members on subjects like Constitutional Carry, CRT etc. Paul offered to transport people on Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Chair Garris offered to transport people on Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) Steve Rader presented a resolution (see below) for EXCOMM approval to denounce the destructive and social studies curriculum known as Critical Race Theory. There are teachers that have signed a pledge to teach it despite any mandate handed down by the State that would demand it not to be taught in classrooms. Bill Cook 1<sup>st</sup>/ Patricia Garrison 2<sup>nd</sup> Passed, no opposition. Donna Simon expressed that she spoke to Representative Kidwell regarding consequences if teachers violate a legislative remedy or executive order that forbids the teaching of CRT in classrooms.
- 3) Patricia Garrison invited the crowd to King Chicken on Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. to meet with a guest speaker on CRT. An audience member stated that the Assistant Principal told them that "they will teach

what the State decides they should teach”

- 4) An added Guest Speaker Eric Earhardt, author of Emancipation Proclamation. He is a Pastor, father, husband to Shari. He shared his story being convicted and serving time for drugs, how he dishonored his family. Even after he served his time, paid over \$50K in fines/ fees, he is still a victim to his past. He is still treated as a criminal. He cannot obtain a firearm, on employment applications – you still must put down that you served time. He is still shackled. He thanked Bill Cook for his help. He believes in law and order but asks when people like him will finally be free after a paid debt to society. He said “Christians feed the poor, take care of the elderly. Before 1977, if a man paid his debt, he was free and was told to clean himself up and back on it. Today, you are not free. In 2005, the federal government didn't think you should have any Firearms, none. His Sheriff came to him and said he was free. There are 22 million people like him.
- 5) Local Candidates: Donna Wortman (Bath) and Bobby Robertson (Washington) Chair Garris asked anyone interested in running to please file. (Deadline July 14<sup>th</sup>) Belhaven’s filing is July 26<sup>th</sup>-Aug 13.
- 6) Donna Wortman (Republican Women) invited everyone to come to her coffee shop for the best coffee around DUKE and DUCHESS in Bath, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month. Senator Sanderson will be the next speaker.
- 7) Chair Garris gave us a call to action, that we are gearing up and need Republican partnerships, need fundraising and that we are fired up.
- 8) Steve Rader asked to give candidates email lists, voter registration lists and that the candidates need all the help they can get.

Chair Garris called the meeting adjourned.