



MINUTES

Executive Committee Meeting

6:30 pm, Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Republican Headquarters, 844 Washington Plaza, Washington, NC

There was no quorum since only 14 committee members in attendance. 8 guests were also present.

<i>Members</i>	<i>In Attendance</i>	<i>Excused Absence</i>	<i>Visitors</i>
Diane Ahearn		Yes	William (Ray) Leary
Michael Bishop		No	Scarlet Stokes
Ruth Cauvin		Yes	Donna Henderson
Buzz Cayton	Yes (late)		Hood Richardson
Nanci Colleary		Yes	Page Stallings Pead
William (Bill) Cook		No	Dawn Slann
Joyce A Coward		Yes	Fred Slann
Stan Deatherage		Yes	Sheri ?
Tandy Dunn	Yes		
Joanne Forrest	Yes		
David French		No	
Carolyn Garris	Yes		
Patricia Myers Garrison	Yes		
Jason Hall	Yes		
Charles Hickman	Yes (late)		
Joseph S Knox		Yes	
Anne Maatman	Yes		
Doris W (Dot) Moate		Yes	
Delores Morgan		Yes	
Steven Rader	Yes		
John Rebholz	Yes		
Shirley Richardson	Yes		
Bobby Roberson	Yes		
Daniel F Roe		No	
Charlie Rose		Yes	
Wyatt Keith Shackelford		No	
Linda Taylor		Yes	
Jeffrey M Trueblood		No	
Jean Trueblood		No	
Phillip Trueblood		No	
Paul Varcoe	Yes		
Frank Waters		Yes	
Kathy Waters		Yes	
Jimmie Whichard		No	
Donna Wortman	Yes		
35 members total	14 present	12 excused	9 unexcused

Carolyn Garris, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

The invocation was given by ?

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Hood Richardson.

Chairman Garris stated that new Executive Committee members would not be confirmed due to a quorum not obtained for this meeting. We will postpone until next month's meeting.

Anne Maatman, treasurer, presented figures through April 30th:

General Fund - \$44,554.25 Collected	Expenses (\$24,830.15)	Current Total \$19,694.40
Building Fund - \$18,415.66 Collected	Expenses (\$7,793.17)	Current Total \$10,622.49
Total of both accounts		\$30,316.89

Chair Garris told everyone that the state convention is fast approaching and to please go ahead and register if you have not done so. The link is on line, any problems, let her know.

Also, mentioned was the Belhaven parade for July 4th which will be held on July 2nd this year. Chair Garris suggested we have a float in the parade promoting the Beaufort Co. GOP and our candidates and officers. We will take donations if the committee approves but will talk about this at the June meeting.

Jody said we appreciate all those who came out for Ted Budd and tomorrow night Beth Freshwater Smith will be here at 6:30. She was also approached by the Red Cross to sponsor a blood drive and we have been asked to participate, offering the headquarters for this effort in July or August. Also, Jody mentioned the headquarters location will be closed on May 17th, election day. Chair Garris reminded us that volunteers are always needed at the headquarters and thanked Jody for all the hours she has put in.

Old Business:

Chair Garris asked 2nd Vice Chair, Patricia Garrison to please update us on the Forum held at the Community College. Patricia felt like the forum was well attended with 75 - 100 people there. The candidates started out with their opening statements and each was asked to respond to 2 questions submitted by those in attendance. Kelly thought the event went well with 13 candidates participating. No one had questions beforehand. She thought it was positive and the public seemed happy with the results. Perhaps having a longer time for candidates to speak would be good and if candidates have suggestions, we should implement them for the next event. Tandy Dunn suggested we having closing statements which would have helped. Patricia said we kept adding more time to the event as it was and we only have so much time available. Chair Garris asked everyone to give Patricia a round of applause for a job well done.

Chair Garris asked if anyone would like to add to the agenda for June. Steve suggested adding more fund raisers in addition to the Reagan Day dinner. Other things we could be doing such as getting county funds, having a sustained membership program, etc.

Chair Garris mentioned we are working on an additional event but since you brought up this, I would like you to be chair of adding these additional events. Steve agreed to do this.

Jody mentioned how much baskets seem to be popular with folks. She suggested a "liquor" basket. Steve mentioned one of the best places to sell raffle tickets is the state convention.

Chair Garris said we are open to suggestions for other fundraisers but need others to volunteer on some of these projects instead of the same people doing everything.

New Business:

Next committee meeting will be June 14, 2022. Election day is only seven days away.

Chair Garris said she had an idea we would not have a quorum tonight with a lot of people not feeling well and since we have extra time, she asked our local candidates here tonight to speak to us, each speaking for three minutes. Any questions wait until the end.

Tandy Dunn running for County Commissioner. Would like to see us have our school resource officers back in the schools and he will work closely with whoever is the newly elected sheriff in this regard. Sheriff's department running like it should be. He also feels we spend too much money on things we do not really need and not just unnecessary things we might want. Such as wi-fi water meters that we don't really need, spending too much money for a Covid testing trailer, and the City of Washington giving all employees a \$2000 bonus.

Charles Hickman running for School Board in the second district. I have no primary opponent but in November will be the only person running against the Democrat candidate. Believes we can change that.

Dawn Brinson Slann running for County Commissioner. Dawn said she is a Christian Conservative and a native of Beaufort Co. She is running to insure our constitutional rights, a traditional education for our children, taxpayers have a voice in the decisions made by the Board of Commissioners, that money is not spent in excess and there is transparency and communication with the voters.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 7:00 pm.