

Fayette County GA Republican Party
County Committee Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2023

The Fayette County Republican Party County Committee Meeting convened on Monday, April 24, 2023.

Present from the Executive Board were Chairman Elaine Kilgore, Treasurer Pily Oddo, 1st VC Dr. William Yarde, 2nd VC Sherry Harris, 3d VC Walt Hanley, Secretary Cathy Vaught, and Assistant Secretary Windy Blair.

Precinct Chairs present were: Alberta Lucas (Pct 1), Sandy Brown (Pct 2), Cathy Vaught (Pct 5), Jessica Whelan (Pct 9), Nancy Nieves (Pct 10), Sam Patton (Pct 15), Joseph Smith (Pct 17), Suzanne Miller-Nolte (Pct 19), Cheryl Wahlin (Pct 25), Diane Barlow (Pct 26), Cindy Repine (Pct 27), Elaine Kilgore (Pct 30), George Uhrin (Pct 31), Anne Menaldo (Pct 32), Rosemary Tennant (Pct 33), Pat Earnest (Pct 35) and Jane Owens (Pct 36).

Seventeen out of thirty-three Precinct Chairs were present, which constituted 52%. There were three excused absences. No proxies were submitted.

The meeting began with an invocation from Cathy Vaught. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joseph Smith.

Chairman Elaine Kilgore introduced Attorney David Ballard as our Parliamentarian.

Vice Chairs: First Vice Chair Dr. William Yarde mentioned the new Fayette Event Center signs that are now in place as well as the advertising taking place in the Fayette Citizen newspaper. The FCRP has paid for one month and will do so month by month for six months. The Broadway Diner carries ads on their placemats and the FCRP could also run ads for six months. The time to submit an ad has passed, so we must wait until October. The cost would be \$600.00.

Dr. Yarde is still looking to attract more minority members. A most promising potential member is a marketer named Jay, Dr. Yarde said he might invite him to talk at our next meeting. Our funds are holding steady.

Second Vice Chair Sherry Harris announce that the Fayette Event Center has moved from the FCRP and now has its separate website at www.fayetteeventcenter@godaddysite.com. She also mentioned that she does not have the YELP passwords, and asked if there is anyone who knows them. She mentioned the need for volunteers and the volunteer page now on the FCRP website.

She also mentioned she was working on membership history from 2021 to the present. There is a membership retention problem and former members need to be encouraged to renew their membership.

Third Vice Chair Walt Hanley mentioned that we had just completed the district conventions. The 13th District had a complete delegate turnout. The 3d District did not but did move up all alternate delegates. He said everyone needs to go to the State convention.

He is working on the voter rolls current as of March 2023. He has made them available by precinct. He has also merged them with information from the Federal Collection Commission on who donated, whether Republican or Democrat, along with voter history and primary ballots. Since Georgia does not register voters by party, one can guess how they vote in the primaries. He also brought some USB sticks for uploading precinct information. He is also working on the Precinct Handbook.

The Secretary's Report showed a total of 23 present, which was a quorum.

New Business: Windy Blair was nominated as Assistant Secretary and voted in. Windy said she was glad to be part of the board.

Elaine Kilgore mentioned rentals. She said that people were looking, but not committing. Jessica Whelan asked if there was a problem with money of perception of party affiliation? Checks are being written to Fayette Event Center with Joyce Vandiver taking the calls. The flyer on the window has price quotes.

Elaine said we will continue to advertise in the Fayette Citizen month by month on a trial basis. It was also mentioned that Facebook ads were a cheap way to go with some success. We will not continue to spend money on newspaper ads if there is no response. \$2,000 was raised in March. Hopefully the church will continue to commit \$1200.00 monthly.

Elaine also circulated a copy of a letter that she plans to send women in her precinct, about 20 at a time, inviting them to the Greater Fayette Republican Women's Club.

Elaine also proposed that we order 250 flyers not to exceed \$300.00 as well as 1,000 push cards, which could be used for door knocking and advertising the Event Center, saying who we are, mentioning the men's and women's clubs, and prayer meeting, which would come to \$1,000.

The Treasurer's Report for April 2023 has not been made. \$18,000 is available. Can we ballpark how much would be designated, i.e., \$3,300?

Elaine also mentioned the 23 in 23 campaign, where Stoney Mathis matched donations of \$560.00.

The possibility of having a Venmo account was mentioned but was not supported. Zelle was also mentioned. The idea of a donation button on the website was supported.

Dr. Yarde said that Jay, the marketer does QR codes and advertising and will give him the information.

The motion was made by Dr. Yarde and seconded by Sherry Harris to table the advertising cards until they have a committee meeting.

Precinct training was also conducted by Walt Hanley and Diane Barlow.

Walt again mentioned the Precinct Handbook he is working on. He also mentioned that local training was being promoted by Brant Frost, and GA GOP chair candidates Josh McKoon and Rebecca Yardley.

Walt was also offering Excel Training with the table format, where arrows can be clicked up or down, and the ability to select age ranges, streets, independents, Republicans, Democrats, and more. He provided two types of spreadsheets: One with two sides that had small print on one side and larger print on the other. In addition to names and addresses, they provided birth year, party voted or U for unknown or independent, plus a DParty column, meaning donated to a party. There was a D for those who had donated to the Democrat Party and an R for those who had donated to the Republican Party. Walt also provided a sample listing that color coded people living at the same address, usually couples or family groups.

Diane stressed the necessity of social connections, sponsoring social events for persons in your neighborhood as a way of getting to know people in your precinct. She also stressed letter writing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

CATHY VAUGHT

FCRP Secretary.