

Fayette County GA Republican Party

Executive Board Minutes - January 9, 2024

The Fayette County GA Republican Party Executive Board convened at 7:15 p.m. on January 9, 2024. The invocation was given by Cathy Vaught and the pledge was given by Randy Ognio.

Roll Call: Chairman Elaine Kilgore, First Vice Chair William Yarde, Second Vice Chairman Sherry Harris, Third Vice Chairman Walt Hanley, Assistant Treasurer Rod Owen, Secretary Cathy Vaught, Assistant Secretary Windy Blair and Immediate Past Chairman Randy Ognio were present. Treasurer Pily Oddo was absent but sent a proxy.

Approval of the Agenda: A **motion** was made by Sherry Harris to approve the agenda and was seconded by Windy Blair. The motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: A **motion** was made by Sherry Harris to approve the minutes from the last meeting of December 12, 2023. It was seconded by Dr. William Yarde.

Chairman's Commentary: The number of Event Center rentals has fallen, but there are now three \$850.00 rentals. We are now eliminating churches from the Event Center website. They are not willing to pay enough, and it is too much work to clean up on Saturdays to prepare for them the next day.

Treasurer's Report: A total of \$2600.00 in income for dues and memberships was reported for the month of December 2023. Rod Owen said this was correct. There was some question from Elaine about the total monthly income of \$4916.35 as compared to \$3,088.00 in December. 2022 was raised by Elaine Kilgore, who stated that she believed there was more income generated than that, about \$1500.00, which would raise the total income to \$6,416.70. An inquiry will be made into the exact rental income. Total net income for December 2023 was \$1,769.02 as compared to \$41.90 in December 2022. Total Liabilities and Equity for December 2023 was \$18,160.34 as opposed to \$16,042.50 in December 2022. A **motion** was made to approve the Treasurer's Report except for rental income was made by Sherry Harris and seconded by Elaine Kilgore. The motion carried.

First Vice Chair Report: The search for a Precinct Caucus and County Convention site is still on. We will use the Event Center as the last resort, which would result in renting small tables and tents. Also, City Code Enforcement verbal warning to next door restaurant Frozen Rooster concerning garbage problem, as well as considering Facebook ads to generate revenue.

Second Vice Chair Report: There was a request to add reviewing proposed forms to the agenda “Standards for Candidates”, “Mission Statement”, and “Fees for Mr. Shafer and Others”. A **motion** was made by Elaine Kilgore and seconded by Cathy Vaught to send the Standards for Candidates form to the County Committee for a vote on Jan 11. The motion carried. A **motion** was also made to send the Mission Statement form to the County Committee for a vote on January 11. The motion carried. The County Committee will vote on making an exception to the rules to vote on the Standards for Candidates form due to the urgency of the election season and time constraints.

Third Vice Chair Report: Fayette County Board of Elections is seeking a replacement for former Director of Elections Brian Hill. The replacement will be hired by the Board of Elections. Walt Hanley made a **motion** to not staff the polling locations with poll watchers during the Presidential Primaries. The motion was seconded by Cathy Vaught. The motion carried. State GOP Josh Mckoon’s promotion of a new campaign tool Numinar, designed to replace Sidekick, was also mentioned. Potential sites for precinct caucuses and the County Convention were further discussed.

Secretary Comments: Cathy Vaught suggested that the Executive Board meeting and the County Committee meetings not be held during the same week, as some confusion was caused by the meeting dates of January 9 and 11 being so close together.

Immediate Past Chairman: Qualifying Week is March 4 -8. Randy Ognio said he would find out the exact hours. The Fayette County Board of Commissioners approves the qualifier fees. A **motion** to purchase two 72-inch tables in the amount of approximately \$520- 550.00 was made by Elaine Kilgore and seconded by Cathy Vaught. The motion carried.

Old Business: The location search for our precinct caucus and county convention is still being carried out.

New Business: Denise Ognio, FCRP convention director, said that all chairs of each convention committee may need to meet at least monthly and maybe one time during the Precinct Caucus, if needed. She suggested the dates of January 25, February 8 or 13.

Jennifer Lunsford and Cindy Repine will work with Denise on the programs. Sherry Harris suggested that vendors be sponsored to bring in additional funds. She made a **motion** to hold a vote on the sponsorship prices. This was seconded by Cathy Vaught. The motion passed unanimously.

Denise also presented a draft Precinct Caucus flyer, suggesting that about five be given to each precinct captain to make copies and hand out. A motion was made by Sherry Harris to approve the flyer and was seconded by Cathy Vaught. The motion carried.

Denise also presented copies of the Delegate and Alternate forms.

Adjournment: A **motion** to adjourn the meeting was made by Cathy Vaught and seconded by Sherry Harris. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Addendum: Numerous electronic votes were conducted by the Executive Board following during the month of January, 2024, after the conclusion of the monthly FCRP Executive Board meeting (Continued).

On January 10, 2024, the Executive Board unanimously voted electronically to approve the purchase of two round lifetime tables to replace two dilapidated ones at the Fayette Event Center in the amount of \$678.00 and \$98.00 in shipping costs for a total of \$776.00.

On January 12, 2024, the Executive Board electronically voted to approve and provide \$600.00 for three Fayette County Sheriff Deputies to provide security to the Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene book signing event held at the Fayette Event Center on January 19, 2024, for four hours.

On January 18, 2024, the Executive Board electronically voted to approve Sharlene Alexander to be the Republican Representative on the Fayette County Board of Elections. The vote passed. A subsequent electronic vote on January 22, 2024, by the Fayette County Committee was unanimous in approving Ms. Alexander as the Fayette County Board of Elections Republican representative.

On January 25, 2024, the Executive Board voted unanimously to approve a budget of \$1200.00 to secure a meeting room and funding for other expenses for the Fayette County Precinct Caucus to be held on February 24, 2024, at the Flat Creek Golf and Country Club in Peachtree City, GA.

On January 26, 2024, the Executive Board voted unanimously to budget \$1,000 to cover the cost of the Fayette County Convention to be held at Peachtree Christian Church, Peachtree City, GA, on March 23, 2024.

CATHY VAUGHT

FCRP SECRETARY