

Fayette County GA Republican Party

Executive Board Minutes

December 12, 2023

The Fayette County GA Republican Party Executive Board convened at 7:15 p.m. on December 12, 2023. The invocation was given by Cathy Vaught and the Pledge was given by Randy Ognio.

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

Approval of the Agenda: A **motion** to approve the agenda for the December 12, 2023, meeting was made by Cathy Vaught and was seconded by Sherry Harris.

Approval of the Minutes: A **motion** to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2023, and November 14, 2023 Executive Board Meetings was made by Dr. Yarde and seconded by Randy Ognio.

Chairman's Commentary: Elaine Kilgore stressed the need for good candidates in 2024 who exemplified and stood for the goals of the Republican Party.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for November 2023 was given by Rod Owen, Assistant Treasurer. Total income for November was \$5,290.35 as compared to \$4,296.16 in November 2022, which is a difference of \$994.19. Total net income for November 2023 was \$2,059.46 as compared to \$1,125.99 in November 2022. Total liabilities and equity for November 2023 was \$20,469.80 as opposed to \$17,168.49 in November 2022. This was due to a total cash increase of \$3,301.31 in assets.

First Vice Chair Report: Dr. Yarde said he was still working on securing a facility for the Precinct Caucus (2/24/24) and County Convention (3/23/24), with a capacity for 170-200 people. New Hope Baptist Church was awaiting a board

decision, Fayette Christian Church was unable to accommodate due to church activities, Southside Ministries does not allow political events and the Chamber of Commerce room is too small. Dr. Yarde also discussed the cancellation of the advertisement subscription to the Chamber of Commerce as well as the continuation of our monthly membership dues of \$33.00.

Second Vice Chair Report: Sherry Harris reported the successful implementation of the Anedot system where people had successfully used the app to join or renew their memberships. Sherry asked everyone to spread the word on the ease of using this system plus the added security in doing so. Sherry also gave updates on FCRP website development and the FCRP Facebook page. Contracts will not be published on the Fayette Event Center website, to prevent various types of fraud from taking place. Sherry also discussed plans for FCRP office space improvements as well as a plan to have the office manned every day beginning in January 2024.

Third Vice Chair Report: Walt Hanley also expressed the need to find a place for our Precinct Caucus and County Convention. Walt also mentioned that the 3d District GOP was asking for help with former State GOP Chairman David Shafer's legal fees, amounting to \$100.00 per delegate. All counties had already contributed except Fayette and one other. Contributions from the 13th District were also needed ASAP. We needed an email to go out explaining this. The donation button on Anedot could be used to designate the fund.

Elaine announced that the convention information was being sent to the State GOP, stating that the location was to be determined.

Secretary Comments: None

Immediate Past Chairman: Randy Ognio spoke out against calling politicians names at our meetings, because of the ill will it generates. He said "Don't attack the person, attack the policy."

Elaine countered by saying the elected and appointed officials need to do a better job of communicating, naming School Board member Randy Hough and Election Board Chairman Aaron Wright in particular. We must make sure our officials are accountable.

Old Business: None discussed.

New Business: It was decided that the next FCRP Executive Board meeting would be held on January 9, 2024, and that a County Committee Meeting to discuss the election cycle process and committees needed plus issues requiring votes by the County Committee would be held on January 11, 2024.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cathy and seconded by Rod Owen. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.