

## **Fayette County GA Republican Party**

### **Executive Board Minutes**

**February 13, 2024**

The Fayette County GA Republican Party Executive Board convened at 7:15 p.m. on February 13, 2024. The invocation was given by Secretary Cathy Vaught and the pledge was led by Immediate Past Chairman Randy Ognio.

**Roll Call:** Chairman Elaine Kllgore, First Vice Chairman Dr. William Yarde, Second Vice Chairman Sherry Harris, Third Vice Chairman Walt Hanley, Assistant Treasurer Rod Owen, Secretary Cathy Vaught and Assistant Secretary Windy Blair were present. Although she had provided a proxy, Treasurer Pily Oddo joined the meeting telephonically to give the Treasurer's Report.

**Approval of the Agenda:** A **motion** was made to approve the meeting agenda by Sherry Harris and seconded by Randy Ognio. The **motion** was approved.

**Approval of the Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2024, Executive Board Meeting by Dr. Yarde and seconded by Sherry Harris. The motion was approved.

**Chairman's Commentary:** There was no Chairman's Commentary because she was assisting a potential Event Center renter. The meeting moved on to the Treasurer's Report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Total income for the month of January 2024 was \$10,050.35 as compared to \$3,978.32 in January, 2023. This was due to increases in rentals and membership. Net ordinary income for January 2024 was \$ 6,072.03, as compared to \$ 841.00 in January 2023. January 2024 expenses totaling \$1,582.10 brought the total net ordinary income down to \$5,331.27, which was still substantially higher than the \$841.00 during January of the previous year. Total assets (Liabilities and Equity) for January 2024 totaled \$29,457.09 as compared to \$17,866.73 in January 2023. An

increase in cash assets of \$11,586.36 can be attributed to the increase in Liabilities and Equity. A total amount of \$820.35 in donations was also received in January 2024.

Cathy Vaught made a **motion** to reimburse the purchase of two Lifetime tables by Elaine Kilgore for \$719.36. This **motion** was seconded by Walt Hanley. The motion carried unanimously. It turns out that the tables in fact did not come in (see under Old Business).

A **motion** was made by Cathy Vaught to approve the Treasurer's Report and was seconded by Sherry Harris. The motion carried.

### **VC Commentaries:**

**First Vice Chair Report:** Holding the Precinct Caucus at the Peachtree City Hilton Hotel was no longer an issue, since the caucus site was already secured at the Flat Creek Golf and Country Club in Peachtree City.

**Second Vice Chair Report:** The FCRP has received more membership income due to renewals. With Anedot, all renewals were conducted at the end of the year, with no early renewals. It goes from year to year, starting the month the member registered until the same month the following year. There are no early renewals. Current membership is 155. Many of these are new people. 15 members are not yet listed in Anedot. They need to be incentivized to enroll through Anedot.

Sherry Harris also compared the number of FCRP website visitors. The highest ever before January 2024 was 1,624 in October 2022, which was right before the US Senate election, compared to 864 in October 2023, when local elections were taking place. There were 1,994 site visitors in January 2024, when Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene was coming to the Fayette Event Center, and 1227 by February 13. Voter tool kits on the website also evoked interest. Social media messages have stirred website visitation.

The FCRP office is staffed most of the week. The FCRP is getting ready for Qualification Week (4-8 March 2024) and getting the qualification packets ready with everything needed for each type of office qualifying, containing all

necessary forms (some forms are different for certain offices) plus the form for each candidate to sign their pledge to the Republican Party. Randy said that we have to make sure none of the forms have changed. The office will be open and staffed between 9:00 -12:00 for qualifiers.

**Third Vice Chair Report:** There were 73 people pre-registered for the Precinct Caucus. There were still eight precincts without a captain.

**Secretary's Comments:** Cathy Vaught requested a reimbursement of \$190.00 spent in placing the required advertisement for the Precinct Caucus, County Convention, etc. in the Fayette County News. The **motion** to reimburse was made by Randy and seconded by Walt. The **motion** was approved.

**Immediate Past Chairman:** Randy Ognio expressed need to get people to the Caucus. Some of the forms need the Convention Chair's and Secretary's signature or just their names.

**Old Business:** Elaine Kilgore mentioned the many electronic votes that allowed us to secure our locations for the Precinct Caucus, the County Convention, and getting Sharlene Alexander as our Republican representative on the Fayette County Election Board.

The two 72-inch tables did NOT come in. We may have to cancel the order. Even though it says they came in on the agenda, they did not come in. They were supposed to have arrived by this week but did not. Elaine Kilgore said she can reimburse the \$33.29 or apply it to a new order. The decision to wait another two weeks to see if they come in was made. Dr. Yarde mentioned that the Sharpsburg COSTCO has round 72-inch tables. Elaine said she could go check them out. Elaine still wants two of these tables. She would cancel the other order if they were available.

Marjorie Taylor Greene was a success.

Elaine also mentioned the Border Invasion movie premiere. We will have water and popcorn for sale. She requested a **motion** to have the premiere on March

9, with time to be determined. A **motion** was made by Sherry Harris and seconded by Dr. Yarde. The **motion** carried.

Angela Bean will now be responsible for all email blasts.

### **New Business:**

Reimburse Cathy Vaught for the ad in Fayette County News.

Total amount for rentals in 2023 was \$17,300. As of February 2024 we have \$5,500 on the books for the year.

Elaine Kilgore also said that she and Assistant Treasurer Rod Owen would also like to have access to view balances in the checking account, Zelle payments and the rental account in Pily's absence. A request for a **motion** was made by Elaine to grant her and Rod access. A **motion** was made by Elaine and seconded by Randy Ognio. The **motion** was approved.

The need for a bigger drop box was expressed. Paper is getting stuck in it sometimes. A new one would be expensive (\$100 - \$400). They also have bad ratings. Sherry suggested putting the file folder in the file cabinet drawer.

In-house poll watching training is also scheduled for Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Elaine Kilgore also mentioned her vacation in Mexico (Feb 29-Mar 14), Angela Bean MCing the breakfast meeting, new times for the weekly round table meetings, cleaning and breakfast set-up arrangements, and for arrangements for Walt, Dr. Yarde and Sherry to organize and head the Qualification Week efforts.

The possibility of changing the next Executive Board meeting to March 21 was discussed, but the decision was made to hold the meeting on March 12, as we usually would.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cathy and seconded by Dr. Yarde. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

CATHY VAUGHT

FCRP Secretary

