

Fayette County Republican Party

Fayetteville, GA 30214

Minutes from Executive Board Meeting, March 14, 2023

1. Call to Order: the meeting was called to order by Elaine Kilgore on March 14 2023 at 7:10 pm, followed by an invocation from Cathy Vaught, recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.
2. Secretary's Report and Roll Call: Everyone from the Executive Board was present, except Rod Owens, Assistant Treasurer.
3. Chairman's Commentary: After welcoming everyone to the meeting and thanking them, Elaine stressed her vision for the FCRP as one of fairness, respect, and appreciation, with emphasis on members being first, being responsive, returning calls, working together communicating with each other, and working as a team. Elaine also mentioned the practicality of Committees functioning in place of additional people on the Board, where for instance the Committee would have the power to remove someone who is unproductive or counterproductive as opposed to removing someone through a County Board hearing.
4. Treasurer's Report: Pily Oddo reported an increase in income due to increased membership. Her report then focused on the Event Center. Event Center manager Gregg Clifton receives \$300.00 per month. Problems: No rental contract with a church currently using the Event Center for services, no deposits from people wanting to rent the Event Center, even from those on the schedule. It was suggested to turn down those who have not paid. It was also suggested to have someone else write up the contracts and create a cancellation policy. Suggested reservation and rent agreements were: \$450.00 for three hours, \$150.00 for each additional hour, \$800.00 for six hours, and \$1200.00 for ten hours. The possibility of Dr. Yarde and Elaine Kilgore taking over leasing and credit cards was discussed, with the renter paying the credit card fee. The fact that there is no longer an Event Center rental sign on the outside of the building is a problem. The Republican Party sign gives the wrong impression that the Republican Party is renting the Event Center. Dr. Yarde said he would get some quotes on a new sign. Walt Hanley said it would not cost too much to set up a new website and volunteered to help set it up to advertise online. It was estimated it would cost \$329.00 to host, but not develop the website. Sherry Harris suggested putting up an advertisement page, with a

separate domain page for \$30.00 or less, as well as placing an advertisement on Facebook.

5. VC Comments: Goals of Each Executive Board Member

- a. 1st VC Dr. Yarde: Increase party visibility, increase fundraising through sponsorship of events, social media, and information cards. Will work to increase Black membership.
- b. 2nd VC Sherry Harris: Cited extensive experience with teaching, office work, website development, her town commission in CT, Board of Education, and PAC membership. Plans to work in FCRP office, take phone calls, improve office appearance, help “buff up” precincts, increase outreach to develop relationships with people we elect. Stated we need a review of the nominating process.
- c. 3^d VC Walt Hanley: Said he would provide help with the membership drive, members becoming involved, make committee work groups feel included, talk to people in neighborhoods, bring in money, stated importance of precinct, block and street captains. Cited experience with election and voter roll databases.
- d. Treasurer Pily Oddo cited her strength as a Latina as an asset for attracting Hispanic voters to the party. She is good with people, and a businesswoman. Wants to grow the party and keep good financial records.
- e. Secretary Cathy Vaught said she would maintain good records keeping as well as maintain communication with the Executive Board and the membership.
- f. Former Chairman Randy Ognio said he would provide support through past experience, connections with people, Google calendars and files that can be accessed under personal emails within The Republican Party owned system, which contains Google calendars and forms. Lane Watts could turn over to the Board all information concerning costs for the Republican Party owned system that are paid up through April 2023.

6. New business:

- a. The first item of new business was the monthly cost for the FCRP to rent the Event Center. The monthly costs are \$2,030 plus utilities. Greg Clifton wants to purchase two new wall sconces, with one as a spare. The cost is \$70.00 apiece plus tax.
- b. The question became how long can we stay here? How much money did we make during the County Convention? The plan is to work toward keeping the office space, but having an alternative plan if we cannot.
- c. FCRP has \$18,999.00 in total assets.
- d. Money raising tactics were also discussed, such as 50/50 raffles at monthly meetings. Red Wave donors’ names can be anonymous, such as Donor 1, Donor 2. Place this information in the newsletter.
- e. Present the list of committees at the April 1 meeting. It was suggested there should also be a Breakfast Committee.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Cathy Vaught

FCRP Secretary