

Fayette County GA Republican Party

Executive Board Minutes

June 13, 2023

The Fayette County GA Republican Party Executive Board met on June 13, 2023. Present were Chairman Elaine Kilgore, First Vice Chair Dr. William Yarde, Second Vice Chair Sherry Harris, Third Vice Chair Walt Hanley, Treasurer Pily Oddo, Secretary Cathy Vaught, Assistant Secretary Windy Blair and Immediate Past Chairman Randy Ognio. Assistant Treasurer Rod Owen was absent. Sharlene Alexander, who is serving as the FCRP Auditor, was also present as a guest.

There was a motion by Dr. Yarde to approve the May 9, 2023, minutes. Elaine Kilgore seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Elaine Kilgore to approve the meeting agenda with additions by Sherry Harris. Cathy Vaught seconded the motion. The motion carried.

In the Chairman's Commentary, Elaine Kilgore also mentioned an upcoming \$800.00 rental, where the FCRP was awaiting a deposit of \$400.00.

Elaine also mentioned FCRP member Richard McKenney, who was in the hospital following throat surgery and awaiting further treatment, therapy, and rehab. She also mentioned FCRP member Allyson Otto's daughter McKenzie and son-in-law Trey, who had both been injured in a car accident.

She asked that we remember them in our invocation.

Pily Oddo gave the Treasurer's Report. The Profit and Loss Report for May 2023 showed a total income of \$2,626.35. This resulted in the Net Income of -1, 149.79 due to May 2023 expenses of \$3,776.14. Total assets, liabilities and equity are at \$19,664.66, down \$1,956.25 from the amount of \$21, 620.91 in May 2022.

Pily also said she was working on acquiring a new Square D account. Sharlene Alexander will help Pily set it up. She will also check Randy Ognio's account because he has experienced difficulties accessing it.

Pily Oddo mentioned that the Treasurer's Report needed to be approved. A motion to approve it was made by Cathy Vaught and seconded by Dr. Yarde. The motion carried.

Dr. Yarde gave the 1st Vice Chairman Report, where he recommended cancelling the Citizen newspaper advertisement, and also recommended not making a contract with financial advisor Jay Coston. He recommended FCRP membership with the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce. He said the upcoming fund raising letter to \$1,000 donors needing Executive Board approval. He also announced plans to set up a booth at the upcoming Juneteenth celebration at the old Fayette County Courthouse.

A motion was recommended by Dr Yarde to spend \$33.75 monthly on FCRP Fayette County Chamber of Commerce membership. The FCRP had formerly been a member. A motion to reinstate membership was made by Elaine Kilgore and seconded by Sherry Harris. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Sherry Harris for the Event Center to be included in one weekly Fayette County Chamber of Commerce advertisement email blast for \$25.00. Elaine Kilgore seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Elaine Kilgore to approve a \$50.00 payment to the Historical Society for book space use. It was seconded by Sherry Harris. The motion carried.

Sherry Harris gave the 2nd Vice Chair Report. She stated that the FCRP membership list is fully reconciled to the accounting records, showing a total of \$9,125 collected for 2023 memberships. She also talked about acquiring the precinct data from all new members as well as sending information about new residents and voters to the Precinct Captains. There was also discussion about the ANADOT system currently in use by the Coweta County GOP, which automatically renews memberships in the month that the member joined.

The FCRP website discussion included possible rental rate changes comparable to other center rentals, adding donation button/links to the homepage and the unreliability of GoDaddy email blasts, with many going to Spam, with Proton emails a possible source of the problem. The proposed draft fundraising letter was also discussed.

Walt Hanley gave the 3d Vice Chair report. He recounted the Precinct Chair workshop given the previous month in May 2023 by Diane Barlow. He also discussed the new format for the voter rolls requiring extra changes due to the implementation of GARVIS. He also ran the rolls against the National Change of Address database, adding the field of "moved" on the precinct lists and a field of "new" since previous voter roll. Walt would like a new voter roll funded quarterly for \$50.00 if not available from other sources. He has also written to Suzi Voyles for help in securing a copy of the State GOP voter rolls.

Walt also asked the Executive Board to approve a permanent Rules Committee, consisting of himself and Angela Bean as Co-Chairs, Clint Holland, Jim Forrestal, Cathy Vaught, Alberta Lucas, Sherry Harris, and Elaine Kilgore as members. Cathy Vaught made a motion to approve this committee. It was seconded by Walt. The motion carried.

Cathy Vaught had no further comments.

Randy Ognio complemented Elaine Kilgore for the great job she did during the State GOP Convention on June 10.

Sharlene Alexander discussed the Foundation for Applied Conservative Leadership (FACL) training that has been scheduled for August 12, 2023 at the Fayette Event Center, teaching people how to increase effectiveness in political activeness. Randy Ognio asked that the FCRP check with the State GOP to make sure that the FACL curriculum aligned with Republican Party principles. Elaine Kilgore suggested that we make a provisional motion to approve the FACL training event. Cathy Vaught made the motion to approve, and it was seconded by Sherry Harris. The motion carried.

Sharlene Alexander commented on the audit report that was compiled in April 2023. She cited the two biggest problems as being membership, with multiple renewal payments, and the Event Center rentals

with no records. Nothing could be verified due to lack of records with nothing in writing. This was in no way a reflection on the part of the Treasurer. Sharlene also questioned the accuracy of the membership records and membership renewal plans since certain members had appeared to renew their membership for the year multiple times.

A motion was made by Elaine Kilgore to have Sharlene present the proposed membership renewal plan along with the audit report at the next County Committee meeting. It was seconded by Cathy Vaught. The motion did not carry and was tabled.

A new motion was made by Cathy Vaught to present the audit report and the completed membership plan before County Committee. It was seconded by Elaine Kilgore. The motion carried.

Sharlene said that an audit must be carried out by the new Executive Board within two months of its inception. The annual audit should be conducted in February/March time frame annually.

Sharlene again mentioned the need to revamp the Event Center rentals. A triplicate receipt system needs to be in place with one copy to the renter, one copy to Pily Oddo and one copy remaining in the receipt book. No cash should be accepted. Two – three people should oversee handling this. Procedures should go in the Operations Manual.

Elaine Kilgore went on to the Event Center Manager update. She stated that she could not “babysit” Greg Clifton. The biggest problem encountered lately were two broken tables secured with duct tape, which could prove to be liabilities. There were also sanitation issues, such as failure to remove trash, cleaning, and spoiled food left in the refrigerator and freezer.

Everyone agreed that it was time to terminate Greg’s maintenance contract and recognize him at the August breakfast meeting with a \$100.00 gift certificate and a cake. July would be his last month.

It was mentioned that the TV screen in the meeting room had been lent by Greg, and that a new one could be procured for \$400.00 - \$500.00. Pily needs this in writing for reimbursement purposes.

A motion was made by Elaine and seconded by Cathy Vaught for Pily and Dr. Yarde to write a letter to Greg. The motion carried.

Elaine said we could get a new, programmable lock for the front door.

A motion was made by Walt and seconded by Sherry to buy an Adobe design system for Angela for one year at the cost of \$21.99. The motion carried.

Sharlene said she would check the possibility of lowering the utilities rates. It is possible to have them lowered because the FCRP is a non-profit organization.

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