

Augusta County Republican Committee Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2023

Common Ground

15 Angela Ct, Fishersville, VA 22939

Marshall Pattie, Vice Chairman Programs, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Dave Bourne, Chair, has recused himself from this meeting.

INVOCATION: Mike Lawson opened the Committee meeting in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Scott Alleman.

REPUBLICAN CREED: Mona Huffer read the Republican Creed.

PROXY AND QUORUM: A quorum was established. Harold Bess served as a proxy for Emily Kaiser, Daniel Carter served as proxy for Sharon Griffin.

WELCOME/ACKNOWLEDGE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CANDIDATES: Marshall Pattie welcomed the following officials, who each spoke briefly about their intentions to run for election/re-election. Mike Schull, BOS, Riverheads District; Jeff Slaven, BOS North River District; Scott Seaton, BOS Wayne District; Steve Morelli, BOS, South River District; Carolyn Bragg, Running for South River BOS position; Zirk Padgett, Running for Senate District 3.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Motion made by Charles Perkins to adopt the agenda. Seconded by John Wise and carried.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from the January meeting will be approved at the March meeting.

APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERS AND REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP: None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Marshall Pattie, Vice Chairman Programs

- a. Marshall introduced Dave Grembi, Secretary, to discuss the upcoming elections for nominees for the Constitutional Positions and Board of Supervisors positions. Dave noted at the January meeting the Committee voted to have both a Mass Meeting and a Party Canvass. At today's Executive Board meeting there was lengthy discussion regarding that approach to the upcoming elections, and the Board is recommending that we combine both events into a single Party Canvass on April 22. Dave read the entire proposed Call Notice, and the Rules for the proposed Party Canvass, asking for input from the Committee. There was minimal discussion and a few minor edits requested by Committee members. Scott Cline asked for a motion that we approve the Call and Rules, including the edits the Committee recommended today. Scott Seaton made a motion that we approve with the edits, and Daniel Carter seconded. The motion was carried unanimously by the Committee.

- b. Scott Seaton made a motion that we do not promote the Party Canvass via newspaper advertisement. Ray Eppard seconded the motion and it carried.
- c. Ray Eppard addressed the Committee regarding the costs associated with the upcoming Canvass, including obtaining voter registration/history lists, printing ballots, possible rental fee for a location, etc. He made a motion that the Committee approve \$1,000 for these election related expenses. It was confirmed we do have money in our budget to cover this amount. Scott Seaton seconded, and it was carried by unanimous vote of the Committee.
- d. Marshall noted we will need 10 or more people to assist with the Canvass and asked members to please contact Ray Eppard to sign up to help.
- e. Marshall noted the Regional Picnic will be July 15, and the Regional Christmas Party will be December 9. Location is Marshall's house for the picnic, and Weyers Cave Community Center for the Christmas Party.

TREASURER REPORT

Due to length of the meeting the Treasurer Report will be provided next month.

SECRETARY/ELECTION INTEGRITY REPORT

Due to length of the meeting the Election Integrity Report will be provided next month.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF GREATER AUGUSTA

Due to length of the meeting the Republican Women's Report will be provided next month.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

No Board of Supervisor reports

OTHER BUSINESS

None

CLOSING PRAYER

None

ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Scott Seaton made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Daniel Carter and carried. Marshall Patti adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dave Grembi, Secretary