

Augusta County Republican Committee Unit Meeting

April 16, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

Augusta County Government Center

Verona, Virginia

The Augusta County Republican Committee was called to order by Chairwoman Rebecca Simmons at 7:10 p.m.

Invocation was given by Dr. Roller. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jimmy Brenneman. The Republican Creed was led by Rebecca Simmons.

A motion was made by Scott McMurrain to adopt the agenda; it was seconded and passed. There were no proxies. A quorum was declared with a total of 40 members present.

Membership

Tom Sheets made a motion that we approval the membership of twelve new members. It was seconded and passed. Later in the meeting, two additional people requested membership. Kirk Barley made a motion to accept these two additional people. It was seconded and passed.

Slaven, Jeff

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Kincheloe, Chris

Kester, Neil

Gordon, Ed

Craig, John

Wagner, Harry

Desetti, Judy

Desetti, Joel

Kowlser, Tina

Huffer, Mona

Pearson, Angie

Meeks, Jacqueline

Meeks, Lawrence

Minutes

A motion was made by Megan Pattie to dispense with the reading of the minutes; it was seconded and passed. A motion was made by Georgia Long to accept the minutes as published; it was seconded and passed.

Chairman/Executive Committee Reports

Mrs. Simmons announced that the position of secretary was still vacant. She has appointed a nomination committee to seek a candidate. The committee is comprised of Jimmy Brenneman, Gloria Stump and Scott Seaton. If anyone is willing to serve, please contact a member of that group.

Treasurer Kirk Barley reported we had a balance of \$6476.41. Kirk also asked if anyone would be interested in serving as the finance chair. He also asked if anyone had expertise in reviewing liability insurance. A motion was made by Tom Sheets to accept the report; it was seconded and passed.

Vice Chair of Programs Scott McMurrain reminded everyone that help would be needed for the 4th of July parade and the county fair in August.

Vice Chair of Communications Denise Kelly asked folks to write legibly so we can read their names and email addresses and add them to future communications.

Vice Chair of Precincts Scott Cline shared that Bradley Houff is the new Cedar Green precinct captain.

Unfinished Business

Georgia Long reported that the 25th Legislative District Committee party canvass will be held on April 27, 10 am – 4 pm at the Government Center. She reminded members that this party canvass is run like a general primary, just run by the Republican Committee. We will have the registered voter list from the Board of Elections. The voter must also have a photo ID and it is helpful if they have their voter card, but not required. If a person does not have an ID, they will be allowed to cast a provisional ballot.

There are two pending mass meetings: April 29 (North River) and April 30 (South River).

New Business

Chairman Simmons reviewed the section of the State Party Plan which pertains to supporting non-party candidates.

ARTICLE VII, SECTION C. Removal

Official Committees – General

A member of an Official Committee is held to a higher standard of support for nominees of the Republican Party than an individual who merely participates in a mass meeting, party canvass, convention or primary. Therefore, a member of an Official Committee is deemed to have resigned his Committee position if he (a) makes a reportable contribution to and/or (b) knowingly allows his name to be publicly used by and/or (c) makes a written or other public statement supporting the election of a candidate in opposition to a Republican nominee in a Virginia General or Special Election, and/or (d) becomes an officer of any other political party. A majority of the elected officers of an official committee are charged with recognizing when this provision is in effect. For members of multiple official committees, such recognition by a given official committee applies to all subordinate official committees. Such member may be re-instated by a majority vote of the other members of the Committee.

Candidate Forum

The following people/their representative addressed the membership:

- North River Supervisor: Steve Morris, Jeff Slaven
- South River Supervisor: James Kindig, Steve Morelli
- Riverheads: Supervisor Mike Shull, no GOP opponent
- Wayne: Scott Seaton, no GOP opponent
- House District 20: John Avoli
- House District 25: Richard Fox, Marshall Pattie
- State Senate 24: Tina Freitas
- Sheriff: Neil Kester, no GOP opponent
- Clerk of Court: Del. Steve Landes

Republican Women of Greater Augusta

Megan Pattie reported that the next meeting will be April 18 at 7 PM at the Government Center.

Announcements

Chairman Gerald Garber gave an update from the Board of Supervisors. Tyler Adams provided an update from Congressman Ben Cline.

The next ACRC meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21. A motion was made by Scott Seaton to adjourn at 8:45 p.m., and it was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Carter, Acting Secretary