

Augusta County Republican Committee Unit Meeting

Minutes

June 18, 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 7:07 p.m.

Invocation was given by Rev. Wilkes. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Morelli. The Republican Creed was led by Anne Seaton.

A motion was made by Dr. Roller to adopt the agenda; it was seconded and passed.

There were no proxies. A quorum was declared with a total of 32 members present.

Approval of new members and reinstatement of membership: Tom Sheets made a motion to approve membership for Steve Morelli, Charlie Obaugh, Harold and Sue Vest. Motion passed.

Approval of unit meeting minutes: Scott Cline made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion passed.

Scott Seaton made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2019 meeting. Motion passed.

CHAIRMAN/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRMAN REPORT: Chairwoman Simmons provided the membership with a summary of her interactions with the Borne campaign including the communication with his attorney.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chairwoman Simmons gave the Treasurer's report in Kirk Barley's absence. Our ending balance was \$6872.45. Gloria Stump made the motion to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

The question was asked if the ACRC has contacted RPV regarding organizational infrastructure such as LLC. Chairman Simmons will contact them.

VICE-CHAIR OF PROGRAMS: Gloria Stump asked for volunteers to decorate our float for July 4 parade in Staunton. We will be using the Elephant in some fashion. Larry Roller made the motion to approve \$500 towards expenses. Motion passed.

VICE-CHAIR OF COMMUNICATIONS: Denise Kelly no report.

VICE-CHAIR OF PRECINCTS: There was an extensive discussion of the use of i360 for the candidates to use. State candidates are provided use by the Republican caucus. The cost would be \$600/month and a \$400 set-up fee. The local candidates interested in using the software include Neil Kester, Scott Seaton and Steve Morelli. The agreement was that these candidates would cover \$500/month to be reimbursed to the committee. The committee would cover the \$400 set-up fee and \$100/month. Motion was made and passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules & resolutions – no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HQ site: We have signed a lease for office space located at 1450 Commerce St. on Rt. 11 near the Ingleside Pro Shop. Lease will run from July 1-Nov 6. A sign-up will be provided asking members to staff the office. Merchandise will also be available for sale.

NEW BUSINESS

Plans are being made for a community rally on September 14 at Expo. The featured speaker will be David Alexander Clarke Jr. who served as Sheriff of Milwaukee County, Wisconsin from 2002 to 2017. The goal is to generate enthusiasm throughout the area. Hoping that Rockbridge and Rockingham Counties will participate.

CANDIDATE FORUM

The following people addressed the committee:

- Chris Runion
- Steve Landes
- Steve Morelli
- Scott Seaton
- Neil Kester by Scott Cline

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The next meeting will be June 19 at the Govt. Center

BOS UPDATE

Gerald Garber gave an update from the Board of Supervisors

ANNOUNCEMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Members of the committee received extensive training regarding Voter Registration process. Training provided by Daryl Borquist. Website:

<https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/thirdparty/sixthdistrictgop>

The next meeting will be July 16 @ 7 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Scott Seaton made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Carter, Acting Secretary