

## **Augusta County Republican Committee Meeting**

October 15, 2019

Augusta County Government Center

Board of Supervisor's Room

Verona, VA

The Augusta County Republican Committee Meeting was called to order October 15, 2019 at 7:01 PM by chairwoman, Rebecca Simmons .

Invocation was given by Bert Hershey. Rebecca Simmons led the Pledge of Allegiance. Patty Fortebuono read the Republican Creed.

Georgia Alvis-Long made a motion to adopt the agenda. Motion was seconded and carried. A quorum was declared with 25 members presents; there were no proxies.

### **NEW MEMBERS AND REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP**

#### **MOTION**

Gary Chatelain made a motion to approve membership for Mary Beth Swemba.

Motion was seconded and carried

### **MINUTES**

#### **MOTION**

Patty Fortebuono made a motion to approve minutes of the September meeting as corrected.

Motion was seconded and carried.

### **CHAIRMAN/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CHAIRMAN** – Rebecca Simmons read a letter of resignation from Tim Martin, Commonwealth Attorney of Augusta County, stating he resigned from the committee to support Sheriff Donald Smith an Independent. Copy of the letter to be filed with membership chair for future reference.

Rebecca Simmons reported Executive Committee had met. Business items discussed would be included with appropriate agenda item.

**TREASURER'S REPORT-** Rebecca Simmons acting as Treasurer reported at balance of \$1,686.00.

**VICE-CHAIR OF PROGRAMS** -Jimmy Brenneman, chair, stated the Republican Committee would not have an election night party; although, various Republican party candidates had planned campaign parties.

**VICE-CHAIR OF COMMUNICATION** – Austin Armentrout, Chair, will set up an Instagram page for the ACRC.

**VICE-CHAIR OF PRECINCTS** – No report due to vacancy

**RULES & RESOLUTIONS** - Mona Huffer, Chair, reported ACRC Bylaws are being reviewed to be in compliance with Republican State Plan.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS**

Rebecca Simmons, chair, report the Republican Party Headquarters did not generate public interest as hoped and future consideration should be discussed prior to the next election. Social Media appears to be the preferred means of communication.

Rebecca Simmons asked members to volunteer an hour or more when Republican Headquarters are open to the public. A sign-up sheet was circulated during the meeting.

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Rebecca Simmons stated Dr. Larry Roller volunteered to serve as ACRC Treasurer providing:

- 1) he could use pen and paper instead of electronics
- 2) annual dues are \$24.00 and not prorated if joining after April
- 3) financial reports not accessible by internet

**NOMINATIONS**

**MOTIONS**

Pam Carter, Board of Supervisor Member for Pastures District, made a motion to open the floor for nominations of Treasurer.

Motion was seconded and carried

Jean Shrewsbury, Commissioner of the Revenue, made a motion to nominate Dr. Larry Roller for Treasurer. Lester Hershey made a motion to close nominations.

Motion was seconded and carried.

Pam Carter, Board of Supervisor for Pastures District, made a motion to open the floor for nominations of Vice-Chair of Precincts.

Motion was seconded and carried.

Gary Chatelain made a motion to nominate Mary Beth Swecba for Vice Chair of Precincts.

Jimmy Brenneman, Vice-Chair of Programs, made a motion to close nominations.

Motion was seconded and carried.

ACRC is seeking nominations for Magisterial District chair of the following districts:

North River District

Riverheads District

**NEW BUSINESS**

Rebecca Simmons, chair, encourages everyone to participate some way in election on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Her goal is 100% coverage for election day.

Names of the Electoral Board members were displaced for polls workers to contact if a violation occurred on election day.

To help with expense of sample ballots, it was suggested placing a recycle box at the exit door for ballots to be placed in and reused.

**MOTION**

Pam Carter, made a motion to amend prior motion, to spend a total of \$1,750 for sample ballots and mailers, diverting funds to pay for sample ballots and one large sign per precincts.

Motion was seconded and carried

Anne Seaton agreed to oversee printing of sample ballots. She would contact local private businesses to have ballots printed on orange paper as agreed verbally by the committee. This being the cost effective way of printing ballots and staying within the allocated funds due to time restraint and funding availability. The committee was in agreement.

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**CANDIDATE FORUM**

Josh Law spoke on behalf of Delegate Steve Landes, Candidate for Clerk of Court

Steve Morelli, Candidate for Board of Supervisors

Neil Kester, Candidate for Sheriff

**REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF GREATER AUGUSTA UPDATE**

Anne Seaton, President, gave an update on RWGA and plans to help on November 5, 2019 Election Day.

**AUGUSTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UPDATE**

Gerald Garber, Chairman of Augusta County Board of Supervisors, provided an update in reference to financial status.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Invitation was extend asking the committee to support Neil Kester's campaign fund raiser by purchasing bbq chickens October 19, 2019.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

Anne Seaton made a motion to adjourn.

Motion was seconded and carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mona G Huffer

Secretary