

# GASTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 8, 2013

Chairman Don Grant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Tracy Philbeck gave the invocation and Jack Brown lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## OFFICERS REPORTS

**Secretary:** The Minutes from the March meeting were emailed to the Executive Committee and were available at the meeting. The Minutes were approved as presented.

**Treasurer:** Treasurer Edward Dunlap reported a balance March 1, 2013 of \$17,537.62. We had an income of \$2,356.00 and disbursements of \$1,069.06, plus service charge of \$2.00. Additionally, there was a bank debit against a prior deposit in the amount of \$50.00 and online fees paid out in the amount of \$115.00. The balance on March 31<sup>st</sup> was \$18,657.56. There is \$5000 in the Building Fund. Treasurer Dunlap also noted that this month's numbers might not add up as usual, due to a provision in state law that requires him to report different items independently. He has made himself available to answer any further questions.

## CHAIRMAN:

Don expressed thanks for the opportunity to serve as Chairman. He also recognized elected officials and Century Club members.

## CLUB REPORTS

**GCRW Day Club:** Juanita Wagner announced the next meeting would be on April 18, 2013 at noon at Jackson's Cafeteria due to the closing of the City Club of Gastonia. The guest speaker would be Terry Dunn with Intelogy, Inc. Several locations have been researched and it was expected that a permanent location would be chosen in time for the next month's meeting.

### GCRW Evening Club:

**Young Republicans:** Chairman Daniel Ware announced that the Gaston County Young Republicans had joined with the Cleveland and Lincoln County groups to form the Greater Gaston Young Republicans. Their next meeting would be April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Sharkey's Restaurant in Gastonia. Daniel also informed the committee that there is now a Young Republican group in every county of the 10<sup>th</sup> District of North Carolina.

**Belmont Abbey College Republicans:** Chairman Nick Haywood congratulated the newly elected officers and said that the College Republicans would be meeting April 18<sup>th</sup>.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Commissioner Chad Brown reported that the Commissioners were continuing to work on the budget. He announced that changes were being made concerning the Gaston Memorial Hospital's new name and slogan and her thanked the community and fellow commissioners for their support in preserving the honor that our veterans deserve.

## TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPORT:

Brett Keeter said that Congress had been out of session for the past two weeks. He announced that Congressman McHenry would be hosting a workshop for law enforcement officers in the 10<sup>th</sup> District in conjunction with the FBI focusing on the growing issue of human trafficking. Brett also gave the committee a reminder that the 10<sup>th</sup> District convention would be held on April 20<sup>th</sup> at Lincolnton High School, with a \$5.00 breakfast beginning at 8:00am, \$10.00 registration at 9:00am, and the convention at 10:00am.

Craig Collins announced that he would be running for Chairman of the 10<sup>th</sup> District and that Edward Dunlap would be running for Treasurer. He asked for the support of the Gaston County delegates and encouraged all eligible delegates to attend. He also announced that the NC GOP convention would be held June 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> in Charlotte.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Brett Keeter reported that the convention was a success despite issues with lighting. New officers, townships chairs, and precinct chairs were elected. He also thanked everyone on behalf of the outgoing officers.

## NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Grant announced that, due to the election of a Republican Governor, the county party would have many open positions for precinct judges and other election officials. He noted that these are paid positions and that employers are required by law to give poll workers time off on Election Day. He also explained that no candidates or party officers (including precinct chairmen) could be eligible to serve as election officials. The duties for these positions include setting up election operations and ensuring that everything is operated legally.

Chairman Grant also announced that the building fund is in operation and has a balance of \$5,000.00. He called for volunteers to serve on a building committee that has been tasked with raising funds and seeking an appropriate location. Interested persons were instructed to contact Chairman Grant or Mary Frances Forrester with questions or to volunteer. Treasurer Dunlap added a note that in addition to

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individuals, businesses may also contribute to the building fund.

Chairman Grant announced that he had spoken with James at Sharkey's restaurant and extended his appreciation for James allowing the Executive Committee to meet at Sharkey's for the past few months. He also announced that there had been many committee members who were requesting a change of location to alleviate the burden on Sharkey's restaurant. Chairman Grant said that he had contacted Munchies restaurant in Gastonia and that they were willing to allow the committee to meet there at our normal day and time. After minor deliberation, Chairman Grant brought the issue to a vote and it was decided with minor opposition that the committee would move its meeting location to Munchies in Gastonia.

Jeff Clark announced that his campaign was in full force and that his website/Facebook contains detailed information his campaign events and how to donate.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

**Next meeting: May 13, 2013 at Munchies Restaurant, 209 S. Chestnut St., Gastonia. 6:00 - Dinner, 7:00 - Meeting**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jonathan L. Fletcher, Secretary

Steve Amos	Jack Brown	Alice Brown	Jeff Bryson
Cory Bryson	Joe Carpenter	Jeff Clark	Craig Collins
Edward Dunlap	Jonathan Fletcher	Mary Frances Forrester	Don Grant
Donna Grant	Nicholas Haywood	Madeline Keeter	Brett Keeter
LeeAnn Macmillan	Tracy Philbeck	Robert Pope	Ervin Sims
Pat C. Smith	Juanita Wagner	Daniel Ware	Gerald Willhauck
Christine L Willhauck	Nicholas Berryhill	Mike Tate	Barbara Tate
J. Scott Greene	Erik Soderstrom	Stephanie Fridley	