

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF SAINT LUCIE COUNTY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES APRIL 13, 2021

1. Call to order occurred at 6:36
2. Opening prayer was offered by Pastor Jason Baumgardner
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Nail
4. Opening comments offered by Chairman Nail:
 - a. Kenny talked about the development of the REC since the December election. He emphasized the formation of a committee network which is now the center of the REC program with essentially all REC activities.
 - b. The Lincoln Day Dinner volunteers were thanked for their efforts to bring about a very successful event. Mike Friend added comments volunteers also thanking them for stepping up especially because he had to step away to focus on his health. Income and expenses are detailed in treasurer summary report attached. Speakers at the event, Congressmen Byron Donalds and Brian Mast did a great job using a new format where they were staged in the center of the room and then questions from the floor were entertained.
 - c. Kenny announced that a second fund raiser, Ronald Regan Dinner will occur in October with Senator Marco Rebio being the guest.
 - d. A time sensitive issue having to do with HB90 was discussed whereby REC members were asked to reach out to members of the Senate Rules Committee with emails and phone calls. See attached handout distributed at the meeting.
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Kenny Nail described the development of a consent agenda. This process means that regularly scheduled items for consideration at REC meetings will follow a predefined protocol. For example, some reports that routinely are offered at the REC meetings will be put in writing and listed on the consent agenda and posted to the member section of the REC website.
 - b. Treasurer report: Rozanne Friend offered the checking account balances.
Beginning Balance, \$23676. Income, \$24,982.
Expenses, \$4,800. Ending Balance, \$43,858.
See attached report
 - c. Approval of Minutes, March 9, 2021. A motion to approve minutes was offered by Ana Gomez Malada and seconded by Larry Leet. Motion carried.
6. Anthony Bona introduced nine new members for membership in the REC.
 - a. Vickie Wolf
 - b. Dan Stump
 - c. Travis Thames
 - d. David Jett
 - e. Darlene Decario
 - f. Stephanie Guertin
 - g. W. Ralph Macintyre
 - h. Stewart Mencer
 - i. John Zelnick

Kenny administered the loyalty oath after the membership accepted all new candidates.

7. Approval of Bylaws. Bylaws were posted on the members section of the website as well as an attachment to the meeting notice. Kenny asked for a motion to approve the Bylaws, Ana Gomez Mallada moved and Mary Ann Russell seconded. Motion passed.
8. Committee reports included:
 - a. Hospitality Committee Chair Butch Post reported on activities over the month. A meeting of the committee was held on April 8th. Sub committees were established including: Welcoming Committee, Equipment Committee, Volunteer Committee and Hospitality "Point Lady". Members were identified to function as liaison to each of the REC standing and ad hoc committees. Members of the REC were encouraged to get involved with Hospitality Committee. The next Hospitality Committee meeting will be on May 11th.
 - b. Campaign Committee. Joe James, Mike Decker and Eric Gibson offered information on committee initiatives. Basically, the committee has developed a program to identify all home sales in SLC. Once identified, a packet of information about SLC and the Republican America First agenda will be distributed. This is a voter registration program as well as a volunteer and new REC member program. County Committeemen and Committeewomen (REC Members) will be contacted and given the names and contact information for new residents in their precincts. The membership has several questions and suggestions regarding this initiative.
9. For the Good of The Order:
 - a. Leslie Hollingsworth, vice chair of the Republican Club announced that the Club is once again offering a \$1000 scholarship for a student. She asked for REC member with an interest in reading the students letters to contact her.
 - b. Chad Miller once again employed the membership to login to the membership section of the website. It is an easy process. Click on the register link to login, password is REC2021 and create an account. All of the documents relative to your membership will be found there.
 - c. Leigh Lamson reminded all that the Tea Party meetings are on the 1st Thursday of every month.
 - d. Mike Smith gave a shout out to Cathy Townsend for her stand on facial coverings at the County Commissioner meeting.
 - e. Kenny reminded all that Mark Gotz could use help on the legislative watch dog activities.
10. Meeting adorned at 8:15

Following the formal business meeting, Anthony Bonna presented a overview of the orientation program is offers new REC members. This presentation should be mandatory for all members because it details what is expected of a precinct committeeman or committeewoman.

ATTACHMENTS:

REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ST.LUCIE COUNTY CHECKBOOK SUMMARY REPORT March 1, 2021		
BEGINNING BALANCE: 03/01/2021		23,676.09
INCOME		
CONTRIBUTIONS / Donations	18,874.27	
Tea Party Donations	2,475.00	
Individual, Business	3,633.33	
TOTAL INCOME:		24,982.60
EXPENSES		
BANK CHARGES:		
MERCHANT FEES - RAISE THE MONEY	1.50	
- ANEDOT	600.87	
TOTAL MERCHANT FEE:		602.37
SPECIAL EVENT EXPENSES:		
LDD Catering Down Payment	500.00	
LDD Event Insurance	126.70	
TOTAL SPECIAL EVENT EXPENSES:		626.70
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE EXPENSE:		
Texting Peer to Peer Platform	19.00	
TOTAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE EXPENSE:		19.00
BOOTH RENTAL & SUPPLIES EXPENSE:		
COMMUNICATIONS EXPENSE:		0.00
OFFICE EXPENSES:		
OFFICE RENT	639.00	
INTERNET, PHONE & CABLE	271.89	
UTILITIES - FPL	44.57	
OFFICE SUPPLIES /	100.00	
OFFICE OPERATIONS/Merchandise	1,018.90	
BOOKS, SUBSCRIPTIONS, REF	100.16	
PRINTING & COPYING	747.89	
TOTAL OFFICE EXPENSE:		2,922.41
INSURANCE:		
PROPERTY	45.58	
TOTAL INSURANCE:		45.58
Reimbursements:	584.26	
TOTAL :		584.26
TOTAL EXPENSES		4,800.32
NET INCOME		20,182.28
ENDING BALANCE 03/31/2021		43,858.37

To: REC Members

From: Chairman Kenny Nail

Date: April 13, 2021

Subject: Strengthen Election Reform Bill SB90

The Florida Legislature is in week 7 of 9 and election reform still has not passed Senate Bill 90 which advances election reforms such as strengthening voter ID on vote-by-mail ballots and limits ballot harvesting, but it could be even better!

SB90 should also include:

1. Observation of absentee ballot signature verification process
2. A prohibition of funding local election offices by third parties which can lead to abuse and conflicts of interest.

Below is the list of senators who are on the rules committee who will be meeting on Wednesday. Here is the script that need to be forwarded to all of these Senators:

You are on the rules committee and will be discussing SB-90 at your next meeting. This bill needs to be strengthened by adding language that was in HB 7041 when it was passed out of committee. The language to allow third parties to observe and challenge phony ballots was in the original HB 7041. This language was stricken when the bill was presented to the house appropriations committee.

Without language to allow third parties to see and challenge a ballot during the signature match process of vote by mail, any bill passed will not contain any teeth or have any ability for immediate enforcement.

Please add the HB 7041 language that was stricken, to SB-90 and allow evidence to be created that will bring integrity and transparency to our Florida elections. If not, we run the risk of becoming Georgia.

Contact members of the Senate Rules Committee NOW and urge them to add these two provisions into SB90, and then vote YES to SB90 on Wednesday!

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If you have any questions contact Chairman Kenny Nail, 754-2347608, or, Chairman Mark Goetz, 954-494-7433.