

SAINT LUCIE COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD
June 17, 2021

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:46 after a conference call with RECs throughout the State. Basic information regarding activities of the RPOF were presented. Quarterly meeting is scheduled for August 20-21 in Orlando, voter registration, Trump event in Tampa.
2. A quorum was established: Kenny Nail, Mike Friend, Butch Post, Mary Ann Russell and Kim Dabe. Rozeanne Friend and Anthony Bonna were not in attendance.
3. Pledge of Allegiance followed by invocation by Butch Post.
4. Motion to approve January 4 and May 5 Executive Board meetings and Executive sessions with second by Butch Post was approved without discussion.
5. A discussion relative to the office lease followed because current lease set to expire at end of July. The Board wants to sign an extended lease 4-5 years so it can be locked in during a period that may bring inflated rents. Suggestions included 4 years with 4% bump each year as having the lease include language limiting political activities or organizations in the complex. The final motion offered by Butch Post was to press for a 4 year lease with a 4% increase in our rent every 2 years on July 30th, our anniversary.
6. No Treasurer report.
7. Committee Reports will be delayed until June 29th Board meeting.... At 6pm.
8. Mary Ann Russell reported as State Committeewoman and co-chair of the RPOF 1st Amendment Committee is sending a letter to all Republican Governors recommending they enact legislation similar to that passed in Florida regarding Tech companies.
9. Kenny commented about the “retail” activities of the REC where we accept donations and in exchange give a hat, tea shirt and other political item. The question of managing this effort was discussed including the collection of sales taxes. The biggest issue was managing the documentation of donation using electronic application. More work needs to be done on this front and report back to Board.
10. Attendance at REC meetings. Excused absences and attendance at REC meetings may not have followed the letter of the rules as outlined in the RPOF Model Constitution or our own Bylaws. A variety of reasons may have brought this about including the applications of Zoom and lack of understanding of attendance requirements by members. At the last REC meeting a motion to have the Chairman approve all request for an absence, however, the bylaws may have not allowed this to occur. Therefore, a motion to amend the bylaws of the SLC REC at the next meeting will be presented. Note: A copy of the membership requirements is attached as well as a draft motion to amend the bylaws.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm

RPOF Model Constitution....

Section 4 – Removal for Non-Attendance at County Executive Committee Meetings

(a) A county executive committee member who is absent for three (3) consecutive regular meetings without a valid excused absence shall be removed from the County Executive Committee as of the date of the third consecutive missed meeting.

(b) Prior to missing such third consecutive meeting, any member may request, in writing, that an absence be excused indicating the reason for such absence. Excused absences may be

granted by the membership of the County Executive Committee by a majority vote of the County Executive Committee at which a quorum is present. Once granted the excused absence, that committee member shall be treated as present only for the purpose of meeting the

committee member's individual attendance requirements. Authorization to grant such excused absences may not be delegated by the County Executive Committee; except upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the County Executive Committee present and voting at a regularly called meeting thereof; Provided always, that such delegation of authority may be rescinded at any time upon the majority vote of the County Executive Committee or by the action of the Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida.

Proposed Motion:

Move to allow the Chairman of the REC to grant an excused absence at a regular REC meeting as recommended by the secretary of the REC or membership chairman.