

SAINT LUCIE COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 8, 2021

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

2. Invocation

Pastor Jason Baumgardner offered a prayer to open the meeting.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge led by Chairman Nail

4. Chairman opening comments:

A. Kenny Nail notified the membership that we will have a meeting a regular REC meeting on July 13.

B. The office lease will expire at the end of July. Kenny is negotiating with landlord.

C. There will be an Executive Board meeting in June. Date and time not set yet.

D. The use of Zoom to allow REC members to view REC meetings remotely will continue.

The RPOF rules will not allow remote attendance to be counted as attending nor will Zoom participants be allowed to vote. This change occurred once Gov. DeSantis removed the emergency orders having to do with the pandemic.

F. PSL Mayor, Greg Oravec has tendered his resignation effective the end of June.

Shannon Martin, Vice Mayor has filed to run to fill the vacancy. This will require a special election which has not been scheduled. Anthony Bonna has announced that he has filed to run to fill Shannon Martins district 3 seat.

G. Kenny reminded the REC membership that our job was to get Republicans elected to office. He gave examples of the successes we had in 2020 and stated that while SLC has a democrat party majority it was in fact a Republican County based on who was getting elected to office.

H. Fran Hutchinson, member of the SLC Commission announced that she would not run for another term, however, we have been informed she is reconsidering this decision.

I. Pastor Craig Bridges is running for District 3 County Commissioner. He is a lifelong Republican and resident of for several decades.

J. REC member Larry Leet has announced that he will be running for PSL City Council District 2 seat.

K. Kenny Recognized special guest: Rocco LeDonni, Bryan Mast campaign manager as well as Karen Sweeny, Gayle Harrell campaign manager. Special guest also included Wayne Gent, superintendent of PSL schools and Troy Ingersall and Debbie Holly, members of the PSL School Board. They will be presenting an update on the schools and answering questions later in the meeting.

5. Committee Reports:

A. Butch Post, chair of Hospitality introduced visitors. Butch also reminded members to order and wear their name tags at Party functions. She noted that the sign in desk passed out a "Bio" form to be completed. Information on this form will be included in the pictorial directory being developed for the website. Butch introduced Maxine Nesmith, REC member who will be the Hospitality Committee Sunshine Lady. Her job will be to reach out to absent REC members. Butch introduced Vicky Wolf, a new member who will function as the Fort Pierce Alliance Chair.

B. Jan Copeland was introduced to the membership as the newly appointed chair of Membership Committee. Anthony Bonna, outgoing chair is running for office and will not have time to function in the chair capacity. Jan will be working with Judy Glass, vice chair and with Susan Cedeno and Dale Galliano, committee members.

C. Anthony Bonna, outgoing chair of Membership introduced three REC member candidates who wished to join the REC. Candidates were given a moment to introduce themselves and then excused so the members could vote to accept their membership. A motion made and seconded was passed and the new members were welcomed back where they took the oath of office.

Bryan Kelly Amanda Kelly Joanne Miller

D. Chad Miller spoke briefly about setting up an audio/visual studio to record candidates and other people wishing to do a video for our website.

E. Judy Glass, chair of Volunteer Committee announced that 40 members completed WebElect training. Additional training will occur soon.

6. Kenny gave a brief discussion on improving our member vetting protocol. He mentioned that Martin County had accepted a member with nefarious intent and we need to make sure we do not make the same mistake.

7. Consent Agenda

A discussion relative to where the consent agenda could be used for approving absentee request at REC meetings. A motion to allow the chair to assume this responsibility using the consent agenda was tabled for another time because it may conflict with our Bylaws and or the RPOF rules.

7. Mark Gotz introduce the new vice chair of the "government watch dog" committee, Sherri Propis. Volunteers are needed to attend three major government agencies: County Commission, City Council and School Board. Mark discussed the impact of the 118 million dollars of covid stimulus money that came into the county and how our taxes had not changed.

8. For the Good of the Order:

A. Leigh Lamson reminded members the Tea Party meeting would be on July 1st.

B. The Republican Club, Super Spreader of Freedom Event is scheduled for July 3rd at Causeway Cove Marina.

C. Frank Casciano reminded members they needed to schedule meetings at the office through him to avoid double booking.

D. Bill Corbett from Palisade 1 USA informed members that an app of the same name was available as an alternative to Facebook.

F. The representatives of the PSL school and Board were reintroduced. They gave brief discussion of recent Board activities and then opened the floor for questions. This segment of the meeting lasted for quite some time with a very good exchange between members and Board members as well as the Superintendent.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM

Respectfully submitted

Kim Dabe, Secretary.