



Minutes of the Republican Executive Committee Meeting
January 17, 2023
As submitted by Sherri Propis, SLC REC Secretary

Meeting called to order by Chairman Kenny Nail at 6:05 pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Kenny Nail

Opening Prayer led by June Lamson

1. Chairman Nail's Message:

- a. Chairman Nail applauded the House Speaker process this last session. The House was given back to the people with the concessions the 20 Republicans were able to secure
- b. Chairman Nail highlighted the Voter Registration Events results:
 - i. In the last 3 months, Republicans gained 2004 more registrations
 - ii. As of the meeting, Republicans are only 4940 registrations behind the Democrats
- c. The 2nd Annual America First Clay Shoot was held Saturday the 14th and was a resounding success. Mike & Amy Decker and the volunteers they were able to secure did a great job. The event doubled earnings over last year's event
 - i. Treasurer Russell Ansley shared that the next Clay Shoot is Jan. 27, 2024
 - ii. Treasurer Russell Ansley shared we brought in \$42,500 and after expenses the REC will net approximately \$22k
 - 1. We had 84 shooters compared to 94 last year

2. Welcome Special Guests:

- a. Susan Cedeno: TCWRF Chair
- b. City Councilman and State Committeeman Anthony Bonna
- c. State Committeewoman MaryAnn Russell
- d. Larry Leet: Fort Pierce County Commissioner
- e. Gabrielle Rothman: candidate for SLC Tax Collector
- f. Joe James: candidate for SLC Property Appraiser
- g. Maddox Stirrat: campaign manager for Congressman Brian Mast
- h. Donnita Graben: past SLC School Board candidate
- i. James Clasby: past Fort Pierce City Council candidate
- j. Vicki Wolf
- k. Donna Cosmello: Chairman in PA

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Motion to approve: Kim Dabe
- b. 2nd by Mary Lou Barrett
- c. Consent agenda approved
- d. NOTE: with the new agreement with St Lucie Trails, the REC needs to do set-up/breakdown of chairs. Please call Bob or Butch Post to volunteer

4. Vote on Jan. 2023 Proposed Budget

- a. The 2023 full budget will be discussed and finalized at the REC Strategic Meeting to be held in February
- b. Need to approve this Proposed Budget for 1 month in order to release money to pay operating expenses.
- c. Treasurer Russell Ansley reiterated that anyone who wishes to see the full budget can contact him to review
 - i. Chairman Nail stated he had 100 copies made for anyone who wishes to have one
- d. Motion to approve: Larry Jennings
 - i. 2nd: Ana Gomez
 - ii. Approved (2 NAYS)

5. Welcome Guests

- a. Vice Chairman Chad Miller had 6 guests introduce themselves

6. Vice Chairman Miller's Message:

- a. 5 Facts to Know
 - i. In 2022, SLC Republicans had the 2nd highest turnout in the state
 - ii. SLC was #1 in the state for the biggest difference between Republican and Democrat turnout (+10,600)
 - iii. SLC turned the SLC County Commission to a Republican majority
 - iv. SLC is in process of becoming a sanctuary city for the unborn
 - v. MEME: Joe Biden is selling his corvette complete with docs
- b. Explanation of who the REC is and what our mission is
- c. Explanation of our top priorities as the REC:
 - i. Organize precincts to register voters, GOTV and organize volunteers
 - ii. Build and work our committees
 - 1. We currently have committee chair openings
 - iii. Requirements:
 - 1. Registered Republican at least 1 year
 - 2. Submit application and be approved
 - 3. Complete the loyalty oath and be sworn in
 - 4. Attend at least 4 meetings per year and not miss more than 3 consecutive
 - iv. Committees:
 - 1. Campaign
 - 2. Legislative

- 3. Election Integrity
 - 4. Fundraising
 - 5. Events
 - 6. Voter Registration
 - 7. Kids First Team
- v. Events:
 - 1. Clay Shoot
 - 2. Lincoln Day Dinner
 - 3. Voter Registration
 - 4. Reagan Day Dinner
 - 5. Candidate Promotion
 - 6. St Lucie County Fair
- vi. *you don't have to be a REC member to volunteer!

7. New Members

- a. Edward Savoca
- b. Taysirr Savoca
- c. Motion to approve: Vicki Wolf
- d. 2nd: Larry Leet
- e. Approved new members

8. Upcoming Special Events:

- a. TCWRCF meeting coming up Jan. 28th at the Saints Golf Course 19th Hole: 11:30 am
 - i. Topic is ESG
- b. The Republican Club has been reinstated!
 - i. Meeting: Jan. 30th at 6 pm at Tutto Fresco
- c. TEA Party's meeting on Feb. 2nd at the St James Orthodox Church
 - i. Topic is the Marxist movement within our govt and our churches
- d. Strategic Planning meeting postponed to Feb. TBD
- e. TCWRCF meeting Feb. 9th at the Saints Golf Course 19th Hole: 11:30 am
 - i. Topic: Save Our States: Saving the Electoral College
- f. Vicki Wolf stated she needs volunteers for the SLC Fair Feb 23rd-March 5th
- g. Lincoln Day Dinner will be April 8th
 - i. The committee needs volunteers
 - ii. Chairman Nail has reached out to Governor Ron DeSantis with a proposal to attend

9. Volunteer Awards and Certificates

- a. Larry Jennings & Chairman Nail kicked off the 1st of monthly Red Elephant awards
 - i. Requirements include attendance at the REC meetings & strong committee work and contribution to the REC
 - ii. Jan Copeland & Judy Glass were the 1st recipients! Congratulations and well deserved!

- b. Chairman Nail, State Committeewoman MaryAnn Russell, State Committeeman & PSL City Councilman Anthony Bonna and Vice-Chairman Chad Miller presented Certificates of Appreciation to members and volunteers who made a difference in the 2022 election cycle
 - i. Those not in attendance will receive theirs at a future date
- c. Recipients list available upon request.

10. For the Good of the Order:

- a. James Clasby closed his campaign and donated \$1776 to the REC
- b. Personhood group has been formed and is moving to get SLC to be a sanctuary city for the unborn
- c. RPOF meeting will be held in Orlando
 - i. Feb. 17 & 18th
 - ii. State Committeeman Anthony Bonna will be running for the Chair of the State Committeemen/women
- d. State Committeeman Anthony Bonna and 28 others are submitting a declaration to the RNC that it is time to remove Ronna McDaniel from her post as RNC Chair due to the disappointing national results in the 2018, 2020 and 2022 election cycles
- e. Chairman Nail mentioned numerous incumbents have changed parties or are contemplating changing their affiliations to the Republican Party. They include:
 - i. Linda Bartz, FP County Commission
 - ii. Michelle Franklin, Property Appraiser
 - iii. FP City Commissioner candidate
 - iv. FP City Mayor
- f. Chairman Nail mentioned this will cause multiple Republican candidates in the primary cycle and the REC or REC members cannot back individual candidates using their titles
 - i. Joe James running for Property Appraiser
 - ii. James Clasby running for FP City Commission

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm