



Republican Executive Committee

Saint Lucie County

Minutes of the Republican Executive Committee Meeting

February 21st, 2023

As submitted by Sherri Propis, SLC REC Secretary

Meeting called to order by Chairman Kenny Nail at 6:06 pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by Anthony Bonna's daughter

Opening Prayer led by Pastor Massey Campo

1. Chairman Nail's Message:

- a. Chairman Nail asked for prayers of healing for MaryAnn Russell and Amy Decker
- b. Chairman Nail will be on vacation in March. Vice-Chair Chad Miller will lead the March REC meeting
- c. Chairman Nail highlighted the Voter Registration results last 30 days:
 - i. Republicans gained 161 registrations
 - ii. As of the meeting, Republicans are only 4779 registrations behind the Democrats
- d. There are 2 social issues coming from the RNC
 - i. 2nd Amendment Committee:
 - 1. Richard Stein agreed to chair this committee
 - 2. Committee will inform the SLC GOP on issues/legislation regarding the 2nd Amendment
 - 3. Committee will organize phone banks, etc. to get the word out to voters
 - 4. Goal is to get SLC to process concealed carry permits so residents don't have to go out of county to get their permit
 - a. Gabby Rothman, candidate for SLC Tax Collector will get this process in SLC if elected. Current Tax Collector, Chris Craft is up for re-election
 - ii. Sanctuary County for the Unborn:
 - 1. SLC GOP is working behind the scenes to get a bill passed to be a Sanctuary County for the Unborn
 - 2. This is a spiritual war driving this issue
 - 3. Must stand with the commission when this issue comes up; must get the word out when it happens so we can stand with them—crowd of support 25th & Virginia Ave
- e. Voter Integrity Committee
 - i. Kenny Nail will lead
 - ii. REC's are the grassroots for this issue

2. Welcome Special Guests/Dignitaries:

- a. City Councilman and State Committeeman Anthony Bonna
 - i. Anthony was voted Chairman for the RPOF Committeemen
 - ii. Charles Stansfield went to the RPOF conference and told the REC it was well worth the trip. The speakers were terrific and there was very informative content
- b. Larry Leet: Fort Pierce County Commissioner
 - i. Larry went to DC with a delegation and met with our representatives: issue that arose is the need for corrective language in legislation to fix the loss of individual healthcare if arrested in SLC—taxpayers foot that bill. This was unknown to our representatives
- c. Gabrielle Rothman: candidate for SLC Tax Collector: campaign kick-off March 8th 5-7 pm at TC Lexus
- d. Joe James: candidate for SLC Property Appraiser
- e. James Clasby: candidate for County Commissioner, running against Linda Bartz: he has extensive civic, political science and public administration experience and background
- f. George Umansky: candidate for SLC Supervisor of Elections: election integrity is a priority
- g. Anastasia Norman: attorney requesting to replace Judge Dan Vaughn who is retiring
- h. Laura Rosco: elected President of the re-formed Republican Club
 - i. Martha Hornsby elected Treasurer
 - ii. March 27th next meeting at Tutto Fresco: Speaker will be Cathy Townsend

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Motion to approve: Kim Dabe
- b. 2nd by Bob Post
- c. Consent agenda approved

4. Welcome Guests

- a. Asst Secretary Butch Post read a tribute to volunteers
- b. She had 6 guests introduce themselves

5. Vice Chairman Miller's Message:

- a. 5 Facts to Know
 - i. The America First Clay Shoot was a huge success and we are already working on the 2024 event. Contact Mike Decker if you'd like to help.
 - ii. The SLC Fair is coming and we need volunteers to man the booth
 - iii. Our Republican candidates need their petitions signed to get on the ballot and need volunteers. Contact them to see how you can help. Let's all support our candidates!
 - iv. SLC GOP has two famous politicians coming in April for fundraising dinners. Announcement later in the program
 - v. MEME: Joe Biden has been given a clean bill of health, is fully recovered from COVID and his sense of smell has returned

- 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. Communication Updates
 - 1. Check www.stluciegop.org calendar and member section for upcoming events and news
 - 2. Ensure the email address info@stluciegop.org is in your address book, marked as "safe" and as VIP (if available) so our emails do not go to junk/spam
 - 3. Contact Sherri Propis or Chad Miller to resubscribe if you accidentally unsubscribed from our emails

6. Treasurer Report

- a. Treasurer Russell Ansley confirmed the Clay Shoot raised:
 - i. \$48k gross
 - ii. \$31k net
 - iii. Last year netted \$14k so great growth!
- b. The SLC GOP operating is all current; \$29k balance
 - i. Costs are going up 15%-20%
- c. Treasurer Ansley reiterated that any member can reach out to him to review the budget/expenses

7. New Members

- a. Gabby Rothman
- b. Sean Hardwick
- c. Logan Zimmerman
- d. Otis Guffey
- e. Motion to approve: June Lamson
- f. 2nd: Laura Rosco
- g. Approved new members
- h. REC Pins given to all new members as well as all members present

8. Upcoming Special Events:

- a. Special REC fundraising events upcoming!! Thanks to Tara Bonna for the flyers! Chair Linda Beaulieu covered the details: look for the flyers and info at www.stluciegop.org
 - i. Lincoln Day Dinner with Senator Rick Scott
 - 1. April 28th: Meadowood Golf & Tennis Club
 - ii. Law & Order Dinner with Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody
 - 1. April 19th: The Barn at Oleander
 - iii. TCWRCF meeting coming up Feb. 25th at the Saints Golf Course 19th Hole: 11:30 am
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 - v. SLC T.E.A. meeting March 2nd: Joyce Kaufman, talkshow host, will be the speaker
- b. The Republican Club has been reinstated!
 - i. Meeting: March 27th at 6 pm at Tutto Fresco
- c. Gabby Rothman campaign kick-off
 - i. March 8th: 5-7 pm
 - ii. Treasure Coast Lexus in Fort Pierce
- d. Strategic Planning meeting postponed
- e. Vicki Wolf has volunteers for the SLC Fair Feb 23rd-March 5th
 - i. Main focus is getting petitions signed for candidates
 - ii. 2nd focus is voter registration.
 - 1. Vicki & Stuart Mentzer will hold training "pick a side" specifically to target independent voters
 - iii. Good news! There will be NO Democrat booth at the Fair this year!

9. Volunteer Awards and Certificates

- a. Larry Jennings presented the Red Elephant Award
 - i. Requirements include attendance at the REC meetings & strong committee work and contribution to the REC
 - ii. Mike & Amy Decker were recipients for their exhaustive and very profitable work organizing the America First Clay Shoot

10. For the Good of the Order:

- a. Chairman Kenny Nail announced the Committee Chairs
 - i. The formal list will be available in the member section of the website and upon request

Motion to adjourn: Stuart Mentzer

2nd: Larry Leet

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm