



Minutes of the Republican Executive Committee Meeting  
April 18th, 2023  
As submitted by Sherri Propis, SLC REC Secretary

Meeting called to order by Chairman Kenny Nail at 6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Kenny Nail

Opening Prayer led by City Councilman Anthony Bonna

1. Opening Comments from Chairman Kenny Nail:
  - a. Thanks to Vice-Chair Chad Miller for covering while he was on vacation
  - b. Chairman Nail highlighted the Voter Registration results last 30 days:
    - i. Republicans behind Democrats by 20 registrations
    - ii. As of the meeting, Republicans are only 4578 registrations behind the Democrats
    - iii. Goal is to be even by election time 2024
  - c. RPOF quarterly mtg: Kenny Nail has been named Vice-Chair Party Ops Committee; Councilman Anthony Bonna has been named to the Early Vote and the Budget Committees
2. Welcome Special Guests/Dignitaries:
  - a. City Councilman and State Committeeman Anthony Bonna
  - b. Gabrielle Rothman: candidate for SLC Tax Collector
  - c. Joe James: candidate for SLC Property Appraiser
  - d. Linda Bartz: County Commissioner
  - e. George Umansky: candidate for SLC Supervisor of Elections
  - f. Anastasia Norman: attorney requesting to replace Judge Dan Vaughn who is retiring; she was chosen among 5 finalists for review by Governor DeSantis
  - g. Terissa Aronson: President/CEO of the St Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, running for School Board
  - h. School Board member Troy Ingersoll
  - i. State Committeewoman MaryAnn Russell
  - j. TWRCF President Susan Cedano
  - k. Republican Club President Laura Rosco
  - l. Michelle Franklin, SLC Property Appraiser
  - m. Brian Capp, past candidate School Board of St Lucie County

3. Approval of Previous Month's Meeting Minutes
  - a. Motion to approve: Ana Gomez
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russell Ansley
  - c. approved
4. Treasurer Report
  - a. Treasurer Russell Ansley stated he is willing to answer any questions regarding the budget
  - b. REC has \$37k
  - c. On budget for events and expenses
5. Welcome Guests
  - a. Chad welcomed 3 guests to the meeting
6. Vice Chairman Miller's Message:
  - a. 5 Facts to Know
    - i. Tickets for L&O sold out
    - ii. LDD still selling fast
    - iii. Thanks to the committee for all their hard work
    - iv. New White House report released. Joe Biden has accepted responsibility for the disastrous Afghanistan withdrawal caused by President Trump
    - v. In the last week, scientists at Budweiser have been trying to discover how many Bud Lights it takes before Dylan Mulvaney starts to pass as a woman
  - 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. Roberts Rules of Order review
  1. Non-controversial Items placed on a consent agenda are at the discretion of the Chairman and do not need to be approved by the Board prior to its addition to the consent agenda
  2. Any REC member can request an item be pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion and an individual vote
  3. Consent agendas are intended to pass multiple non-controversial items at one time to save time at meetings
7. Upcoming Special Events:
  - a. Lincoln Day Dinner with Senator Rick Scott
    - i. April 28<sup>th</sup>: Meadowood Golf & Tennis Club
  - b. TCWRCF meeting coming up April 22nd at the Saints Golf Course 19<sup>th</sup> Hole: 11:30 am
  - c. Republican Club of St Lucie County meeting: June 7th at 6 pm at Santa Lucia River Club
    - i. Speaker is candidate for St Lucie County Sheriff, Richard Del Toro
  - d. Oyster Fest at RiverWalk Fort Pierce
    - i. Brian Mast will have a booth; need volunteers for Sunday
  - e. Mets Stadium event: will need volunteers for this event as well
  - f. RPOF Quarterly Meeting: May 12-13
8. New Members
  - a. Mary Lou Barrett welcomed 4 new members
    - i. Donita Graben
    - ii. Laura Rosco
    - iii. Joycelyn Stover
    - iv. Paul Vitalie
  - b. Motion to approve: Ana Gomez
  - c. 2<sup>nd</sup> : Anastasia Norman
  - d. approved
9. Lincoln Day Dinner/Law & Order Dinner Update
  - a. Chair Linda Beaulieu gave an update on the 2 events coming up
    - i. L&O dinner sold out: 125 tickets sold
      1. Thanks to our elected officials and candidates for volunteering to serve at the event
    - ii. LDD still has availability: 100 sold, 50 Premium tickets; goal is minimum 150 tickets
    - iii. Susan Auld expressed concerns and the Chair and Committee members satisfied
      1. Buying linens/supplies: much cheaper to buy than to rent
      2. 2 dinners due to speaker commitments and not wanting to cancel Ashley Moody 2 years in a row

3. Marketing has been consistent. Meadowood put flyers in their clubhouse and cards on all the golf carts. Kenny reached out to both IRC and MC REC's about our event
- iv. A payment plan for purchasing tickets was suggested

#### 10. Discussion of SLC School Board's review & vote on suggestions for removing books from the libraries

- a. 16 books identified
- b. Each book was read by 5 people
- c. 4 were pulled
- d. Recommendation was to shift the others into older levels
  - i. Moving out of elementary to middle school
  - ii. Moving out of middle school to high school
  - iii. Etc
- e. Troy did not vote to completely remove the books from the school system
- f. Mike Decker suggested a debate on the topic between Troy Ingersoll and Dale Galiano

#### 11. Candidate Review

- a. Terissa Aronsen running for School Board of St Lucie County
  - i. Lifelong Republican
  - ii. Why running: get back to basics: reading, writing, math etc.
  - iii. There is a need for all kids to have an opportunity
- b. George Umansky running for Supervisor of Elections
  - i. Believes there is complacency and a lack of transparency in the SOE
  - ii. Lack of technology use and understanding of how to keep it safe with data integrity
- c. Joe James running for Property Appraiser of St Lucie County
  - i. Lifelong Republican
  - ii. Long history with the REC
  - iii. In real estate for a long time, knows this county and how a property appraisers office should run
- d. Michelle Franklin, Property Appraiser of St Lucie County
  - i. Recently changed to Republican because the party changed and so did she
  - ii. Continued to get invitations to switch parties and decided it was the time to do it particularly with how COVID was managed by the Biden administration
  - iii. She supports CareNet and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment
- e. Gabby Rothman running for SLC Tax Collector
  - i. She is ahead of incumbent Chris Craft on fundraising while spending less than he has
  - ii. Strong supporter of 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment
- f. Linda Bartz, County Commissioner
  - i. Recently changed to Republican
  - ii. Democrat party left her a long time ago
  - iii. Always fiscal conservative, constitutional belief, 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment belief
  - iv. Pro-life issue: follow the law; don't believe rape, incest, human trafficking should be forced to keep—individual choice

12. For The Good of the Order

- a. Red Elephant award given to Vice-Chair Chad Miller for his tireless work for the REC
- b. Rule 8 call for the May meeting by Ana Gomez
  - i. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jillian
  - ii. Approved 29 to 12

Motion to adjourn: Charles Stanfield

2<sup>nd</sup>: Sherri Propis

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm