

## Minutes of the Republican Executive Committee Meeting June 20th, 2023 As submitted by Sherri Propis, SLC REC Secretary

Meeting called to order by Chairman Kenny Nail at 6:07 pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by Tanner

Opening Prayer led by John, Personhood Organization

Quorum required: 40 Signed in: 49

- 1. Welcome Special Guests/Dignitaries:
  - a. City Councilman and State Committeeman Anthony Bonna
  - b. Mary Ann Russell: State Committeewoman
  - c. Larry Leet: County Commission
  - d. James Clasby: candidate for County Commission (Chris Dzodsky's seat)
  - e. George Umansky: candidate for SLC Supervisor of Elections
  - f. Cody Brown: candidate for County Commission running against incumbent Linda Bartz
  - g. Chad Miller: Vice-Chair REC
  - h. Gabby Rothman: candidate for SLC Tax Collector
  - i. Mark Gotz: past Chairman REC

## 2. General Announcements

- a. Governor DeSantis signed a bill in Fort Pierce; Kenny unable to attend due to loss of brother
- b. President Trump's hearing will be heard in Fort Pierce not Miami
- c. 106 SLC residents went to Miami for President Trump's indictment in Miami; very proud of our showing
- d. Kenny will be personally campaigning for Trump; anyone interested in joining him, please see him
- e. MaryAnn Russell will be personally campaigning for DeSantis; anyone interested in joining her, please see her
  - i. NOONE from the REC can use their title when campaigning for a particular candidate during the primary
  - ii. The Presidential primary is March 19th

- iii. Questions arose about RPOF contributions to the DeSantis campaign. Kenny will look into it but he believes these were donations to his Governor's campaign
- 3. Approval of Previous Month's Meeting Minutes
  - a. Motion to approve: Ana Gomez
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy Decker
  - c. Approved
- 4. Welcome Guests
  - a. Butch welcomed 9 guests to the meeting
- 5. Opening Comments from Chairman Kenny Nail:
  - a. Chairman Nail highlighted the Voter Registration results last 30 days:
    - i. Republicans gained over Democrats by 876 registrations last 30 days
    - ii. As of the meeting, Republicans are only 3597
    - iii. registrations behind the Democrats
    - iv. Goal is to be even by election time 2024
      - 1. There are appox. 240k registered voters in SLC
- 6. New Members
  - a. No new members to swear in
- 7. Treasurer Report
  - a. Chairman Kenny Nail showed the REC's bank activity (slide attached to minutes)
- 8. REC Alliance Chair/Precinct Breakout
  - a. Butch Post broke REC members into their Alliances to decide on a date for WebElect/Voter Registration training; meeting dates to be added to REC calendar when Butch receives those from the Alliance Chairs
  - b. Last day to register to vote is Feb. 20th, 2024
  - c. Alliances are as follows:
    - i. 1FP: Precincts 1,6,8,12,13,25,28,31,39,40,52,60,91,94: Donita Graben/DeAnne Davies
    - ii. 2FP: Precincts 9,14,15,16,17,18,19,24: Hope Eckenrode/Debby McPherson
    - iii. 3CW: Precincts 43,67,82,8586.89,90,95: Judy Glass
    - iv. 4CE: Precincts 11,20,21,23,35,38,41,53,56,68.73.74,75: Scott Brown/Butch Post
    - v. 5SE: Precincts 22,26,36.42,45,46.65,66: Barry & Debby Mucklow
    - vi. 6SW: Precincts 37,47,49,50,51,71,83,84; Mike Decker/Tom Nardello
- 9. Upcoming Special Events:
  - a. TCWRCF meeting coming up July 22nd at the Saints Golf Course 19th Hole: 11:30 am
    - i. Speaker is Sarah Henry, Executive Director of Catch the Wave of Hope
- 10. For The Good of the Order
  - a. Red Elephant award given to Butch Post

- i. She came to the REC 2017 and hasn't stopped yet! Alliance Chair, Alliance Chair liaison, Asst Secretary, is on the Audit Committee and goes above and beyond always
- ii. Committeeman Anthony Bonna made a motion to follow up on the Board of Directors' unanimous vote to donate a total of \$4450 received as a result of a game of chance at the 2022 Clay Shoot event; Committeewoman MaryAnn Russell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion
  - 1. Anthony stated according to the statute political entities cannot hold games of chance in any form; we must follow the law and \$4450 isn't worth the scandal/embarrassment it would cause; can get good traction if we donate to charities or create a scholarship
  - 2. RPOF attorney stated we must donate the money due to game of chance and improper donation amounts/recording
- iii. Butch Post, audit committee, explained there is no missing money; just a reporting error and asked for the motion to be tabled to give the audit committee time to track down the people who gave cash in order to correct the report filed at SOE; they just found the document that shows people's amounts and names and got a list from OK Corral of their waivers for the day which will collaborate people there; RPOF told audit committee to correct the report
- iv. For the record, the BOD gave the Audit Committee 3 months to try to resolve this issue as this discussion began in the beginning of April
- v. Pro-donate and con-donate discussion was held
- vi. Anthony asked for the vote: initial vote yielded 36 total votes- no guorum
- vii. Anthony asked for a roll-call vote: Secretary Sherri Propis called and counted the vote
  - 1. 39 total voted
  - 2. 26 voted Nay
  - 3. 12 voted Yay
  - 4. 1 abstained from voting

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

99 members (49 signed in) at meeting start; 39 at time of vote: no quorum as 40 is required



## **Treasurer Report**

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Beginning Balan	ce\$37,943
ncome	\$6,882
Expenses	\$8,505
Ending Balance.	\$36,431

Republican Party of St. Lucie County

