



Minutes of the Republican Executive Committee Meeting  
September 19th, 2023  
As submitted by Sherri Propis, SLC REC Secretary

Meeting called to order by Chairman Kenny Nail at 6:01 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. Audit has been completed, explained at the special meeting of members and has been filed with the SOE
  - b. Explained why he was gone the last 2 months due to health issues
  - c. Chairman Nail highlighted the Voter Registration results last 90 days:
    - i. Republicans gained over Democrats by 430 registrations last 90 days
    - ii. As of the meeting, Republicans are only 2967 registrations behind the Democrats
    - iii. Goal is to be even by election time 2024
    - iv. If each member got 30 new registrations, we will turn the county red
  - d. REC is targeting new SLC residents using new resident data from the RNC
    - i. A meeting will be held at Chairman Kenny's home Friday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> to organize.
      1. 5-5:45 pm cocktails; meeting til 6:30; dinner at 6:30. Everyone welcome
    - ii. The goal is to use welcome folders with local info and voter registrations
2. Welcome Special Guests/Dignitaries:
  - a. City Councilman and State Committeeman Anthony Bonna
  - b. Mary Ann Russell: State Committeewoman and was recently elected as Caucus Chair (Kenny now co-chair)
  - c. Joe James: candidate for SLC Property Appraiser
  - d. George Umansky: candidate for SLC Supervisor of Elections
  - e. Jennifer Frye: candidate for SLC Supervisor of Elections
  - f. Joe Flannigan
  - g. Cody Schoeder: Epoch Times
  - h. Ashton Canaden: political director for Marco Rubio
  - i. Emmanuel: Turning Point USA

- j. Mary Ann Russell noted the RPOF had their quarterly meeting and there were changes to the rules for candidates
  - i. No longer requiring the loyalty oath for candidates to support chosen candidate
  - ii. Freedom Summit will be Nov 4<sup>th</sup> at Gaylord Palms. They are hoping President Trump will be there.
  - iii. RPOF quarterly meeting will be Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> also at Gaylord Palms
  - iv. HIGHLY recommend REC participation at these meetings

3. Previous Month's Meeting Minutes

- a. No corrections
- b. By-laws do not require approval of minutes; only a call for corrections

4. Welcome Guests

- a. Butch welcomed 6 guests to the meeting

5. New Members

- a. Jan Copeland stated introduced 2 new members this month
  - i. Jennifer Frey: candidate for SLC SOE
  - ii. Troy Norman: husband of appointed judge
- b. Ana Gomez motioned to accept members
- c. Larry Jennings 2<sup>nd</sup>
- d. Unanimous approval

6. Treasurer Report

- a. Treasurer Russell Ansley showed the REC's bank activity (slide attached to minutes)
- b. Office expense is the largest expense
  - i. \$1600/month for rent; going up again in January
- c. Kenny is doing a budget and will ask for special project money
- d. Susan Auld mentioned that Committeeman Anthony Bonna produced a list of the top businesses in the city and recommended the Chairman and a Legislative representative contact the CEO/COO of each and hold a meeting with them
  - i. Do these meetings for the next 6 months ahead of the 2024 election cycle
  - ii. Kenny mentioned he will get with Ken Pruitt to discuss what he did
- e. Kenny mentioned renting the Civic Center for a "Meet the Candidates" session
  - i. Last one was highly successful with around 3k people attending
  - ii. Candidates pay a fee to have a booth and participate

7. Alliance Training Update

- a. Will be held Fri/Sat the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at the REC headquarters
- b. Butch will be conducting monthly trainings at REC headquarters beginning in November
  - i. Once solidified, they will be on the REC event calendar

8. Upcoming Special Events:

- a. TCWRCF meeting coming up Oct 7<sup>th</sup> at the Saints Golf Course 19<sup>th</sup> Hole: 11:30 am
  - i. Special guest Lt Gov. Jeannette Nunez

- b. Republican Club of St Lucie County meeting: Oct 4th at 6 pm at Santa Lucia River Club
  - i. Speaker is US Congressman Brian Mast
  - ii. \$25 buffet optional
  - iii. Republican Club of St Lucie County is the social arm of the REC and it meets every other month
- c. SLC T.E.A. Party monthly meeting; Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - i. Special guest is the founder of the TEA Party Patriots
- d. SLC Tax Collector candidate Gabby Rothman is holding a fundraising Pistol Shoot Nov 11th

9. For The Good of the Order

- a. Red Elephant award given to Larry Jennings for his willingness to do whatever is necessary or asked of him
- b. Kenny is meeting with Jimmy Patronis for a discussion regarding the IRS
- c. Kim Baumgardner asked how the REC will know if a candidate is “legit” Republican/conservative especially since many candidates have recently switched parties to Republican
  - i. Kenny mentioned there is a vetting committee for this
- d. Susan Auld and Henrietta Dwyer are on the candidate vetting committee
  - i. They welcome other volunteers
  - ii. Candidates will be sent a series of questions and will also have a personal interview
- e. Joe Flanigan- retired MC educator
  - i. Turning Point USA is looking to start chapters at the local high schools
  - ii. If you have a high school student you think would be interested in starting a chapter at their school, give their contact info to Chairman Kenny Nail
- f. Jennifer Frey stated she found out that the SOE office is calling people to get them to request mail-in ballots. She is asking the REC to demand transparency in how/what order/what parameters are being used to make these calls
- g. Charlie mentioned a study in regard to mail-in ballots
  - i. If Dems renew 70% of the mail-in vote and Republicans only 50%, that is a 10k vote swing and would have decimated our results in 2022
  - ii. Kenny mentioned we MUST get our voters to VBM
  - iii. Barry Muklow mentioned that votes come down to “ballots out, ballots in”
- h. It was mentioned that we NEED to have a poll watcher stationed at the SOE office, not just at the box outside
  - i. MaryAnn Russell stated we want poll workers not poll watchers

Motion to adjourn: Ana Gomez

2<sup>nd</sup>: Chad Miller

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm



## **Treasurer Report**

### **SLCREC Financial August 31, 2023**

<b>Beginning balance</b>	<b>\$33,743.75</b>
<b>Income.</b>	<b>\$324.84</b>
<b>Sub. Total.</b>	<b>\$34,068.59</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,832.74</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$32,235.85</b>

Republican Party of St. Lucie County

