



Minutes of the Republican Executive Committee Meeting
November 21st, 2023
As submitted by Sherri Propis, SLC REC Secretary
Quorum of 39 was reached

Meeting called to order by Chairman Kenny Nail at 6:01 pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by the Stein brothers

Opening Prayer led by Jim Thoma

1. Opening Comments from Chairman Kenny Nail
 - a. Chairman Nail highlighted the Voter Registration results last 30 days:
 - i. Republicans gained over Democrats by 191 registrations last 30 days
 - ii. As of the meeting, Republicans are only 2528 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
 - b. Chairman Nail stated the RPOF has issues a challenge between St Lucie County and County to see who can flip their counties first! Let's go St Lucie!
 - c. Mail-in Ballots are expected to make up 50% of all votes in 2024!
 - i. Dems win this category. Republicans are gaining but there is more to do!
 1. Dems 47%
 2. Repubs 33%
 3. NPA 20%
 - ii. Republicans have 9322 unexpired mail ballots. We need to use Web Elect, identify those folks in our precincts and get them to renew their MIB; BANK YOUR VOTE!
2. Welcome Special Guests/Dignitaries:
 - a. City Councilman and State Committeeman Anthony Bonna
 - b. State Committeewoman MaryAnn Russell
 - 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. Gabby Rothman: candidate for SLC Tax Collector

3. Welcome Guests

- a. Asst Secretary Butch Post introduced 7 new guests
- b. There will be NO December meeting

4. New Members

- a. Jan Copeland stated introduced 1 new member this month
 - i. Jeffrey Levine
- b. Ana Gomez motioned to accept members
- c. Judy Glass 2nd
- d. Unanimous approval

5. Treasurer Report

- a. Chairman Nail shared the REC's bank activity (slide attached to minutes)
- b. 90% of funds are used to elect candidates

6. Right to Life Committee Update

- a. Committee members: John Giorgis, Jim Thoma, Teresa
- b. There is a ProLife Amendment circulating they are asking members to sign to get it on the November 2024 ballot
 - i. Need 900k signatures by January 1st
- c. Dems also have a ballot initiative to allow abortions up to birth
 - i. They are paying their folks \$50/hour to collect signatures
 - ii. NOTE FROM SECRETARY: husband went to SLC Tax Collector's building in Tradition and was accosted by an individual trying to get him to sign a petition for "Women's Rights"

7. Pro Life Update and Discussion

- a. Kenny led a discussion regarding the REC's mission to get Republicans elected. He is very pro life but some have expressed concerns this issue may cost votes. RNC has stated we are a Pro Life Party.
- b. Kim Dabe read highlights from a few articles regarding how the abortion issue has cost Republicans offices. The Dems are pushing this as a women's rights issue and are winning the argument. Kim reiterated he is a staunch pro-life advocate
- c. Chip Moore: 31% of Christians are not registered to vote; get them registered and GOTV. This will help us win.
- d. Maddox: *not expressing an opinion for Congressman Brian Mast* there is no official polling on this issue but there is a lot of blame going around for losses: RNC/Ronna McDaniel, the candidates, the abortion issue
- e. Charlie (pollster/tech/statistician): statistical data states that discussing abortion issues AS THE TOP ISSUE will cost votes. Every election since Roe v Wade overturned has resulted with Republicans underperforming. It is thought that this is because women out-vote men and there is a hierarchy of decisioning with women. They may agree with you on 10 issues but will

VOTE AGAINST YOU on 1 key issue. It is his opinion to get Republicans in office and then get them to legislate to our stand

- f. County Commissioner Cathy Townsend may have an opponent in this election because they know she will be voting on the Sanctuary City for the Unborn ordinance and feel they can beat her because of this
- g. Jim: Dems are talking about the abortion issue as a top issue. It will come up and Republicans will be forced to talk about it. We must organize and Get Out the Vote (GOTV)
- h. Teresa: we cannot run campaigns in fear. We need to have better talking points such as stopping abortion helps to stop sex trafficking. Many abortions are performed due to rape/incest pregnancies and the perpetrator is forcing the women to get an abortion
- i. Dan Stump: we need to combat against the extreme position of the Democrats
- j. Vice-Chair Chad Miller: in 2022, the data showed 18-24 age group are Liberal Democrats and they WILL vote solely on this issue. The best way to combat the Democrats on this issue is to go against the extreme ballot initiative
- k. NOTE FROM SECRETARY: Talking about being Pro-life isn't the issue nor a bad position. Making it the PRIMARY issue AND taking the Dem's opposite HARDLINE position is the issue. We must combat the Dem's EXTREME HARDLINE position the Dems are taking. Most people do not agree with that position and do agree with ours.
- l. HUMAN LIFE PROTECTION ZOOM MEETING:
 - i. Nov. 28th 6-7 pm
 - ii. Register in advance:
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lfumugT4lGtFnMmkmseogi04_hsiJ3UTu

8. Voter Registration Committee Update

- a. Committee Members: Barry Mucklow and Joe James
- b. We need voters to win!
- c. Volunteers need to be trained on the NEW SB7050 legislation regarding 3rd party registrations
- d. NEXT TRAINING SESSION:
 - i. December 2nd
 - ii. 10 am & 1 pm
 - iii. REC Headquarters on US1
 - iv. Contact Barry Mucklow or Joe James to register
 - 1. Barry: 772-370-5047
 - 2. Joe: 513-582-0709

9. REC Committee Training Update

- a. Butch Post will be conducting training in 2024 beginning in January
 - i. Precinct Get Out The Vote (GOTV)
 - ii. Phone bank calling
 - iii. Web Elect training
- b. Look for the upcoming schedule on the calendar at www.stluciegop.org

10. Upcoming Special Events:

- a. 2024 Clay Shoot
 - i. March 23rd 8:30 start
 - ii. Okeechobee OK Corral
- b. Trump Day Dinner (replaces Lincoln Day Dinner)
 - i. March 22nd
 - ii. Speaker: Alveda King (Martin Luther King's niece)
 - iii. Watch for announcements!
- c. REC, TCWRCF, REC Club Christmas Party
 - i. December 9th
 - ii. The Saints
 - iii. Entertainment, cash bar, buffet dinner
 - iv. \$55 per person
 - v. MUST register in advance

11. For The Good of the Order

- a. Red Elephant award given to Rich Zwack & James for helping to set up and break down event booths, ensuring supplies are there and everything is ready to go!
- b. TPUSA Manny
 - i. Event conference in Arizona
 - ii. December 16-19th
 - iii. \$60 pp
 - iv. TPUSA is giving hotel room free for 15-25 year olds
 - v. TPUSA is giving airline credit up to \$400 to 15-25 year olds
 - vi. Manny will help start local chapters of TPUSA

Motion to adjourn: Ana Gomez

2nd: Mike Decker

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm

Treasurer Report

SLCREC FINANCIAL OCTOBER 31, 2023

Beginning balance.....	\$30,684.11
Income.	\$1,085.53
Expenses	\$2,609.31
Ending balance.....	\$29,160.31

Republican Party of St. Lucie County

