

Minutes of the REC general membership meeting of January 9, 2024.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Chairman Kenny Nail. It was determined that we had a quorum.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Chairman.

Special guests included several local officials as well as announced candidates.

Opening prayer was led by City Councilman Anthony Bonna

Chairman Nail held a straw vote for President of the United States. Ballots were distributed to members, and the candidates included Donald Trump, Gov. DeSantis and Nikki Haley. Trump was the clear winner, 53 votes; DeSantis, 10, and Haley, 1.

Kenny proudly announced that for the first time in the history of St. Lucie County there were more voters registered as Republicans than were Democrats.

He discussed our organization's endorsement of Richard DelToro as the Republican candidate for Sheriff of St. Lucie County, under the use of Rule 8 in our by-laws. Further discussion of the issue included the FDLE report surrounding a prior Sheriff's election and possible improprieties in the process. Nine guests, mostly dressed as working cowboys, made numerous attempts to interrupt the chairman's conversation. At times it was difficult to keep the meeting in order.

Treasurer Russ Ansley gave a comprehensive financial report (copy attached). Our checking account balance as of 12/31/2023 was \$28,153.00

Asst Secretary "Butch" Post announced all first time guests, and a special new little Republican, Anthony Bonna Jr.

Chairman Nail asked Bob Post to read a proclamation to the Tallahassee Ethics Board citing the FDLE report. Bob began by sternly advising all present that no interruptions would be tolerated during the reading.

Following the reading, a motion was made by Mike Decker, second by Bob Post, to forward the Proclamation to the Ethics Board. The motion was defeated.

Barry Mucklow announced that he would hold training classes for Voter Registration at REC headquarters on 10AM to 1PM on 1/27/2024 for all interested.

Mike Decker gave a report on the upcoming Annual Clay Shooting Event. He's expecting a good turnout and a very profitable event.

Larry Jennings gave a brief report on upcoming events.

The "Red Elephant" award was given to Richard Zwack.

"Butch" Post then made the following motion: "To call upon the Tallahassee Ethics Board to initiate an ethics investigation into the conduct of Sheriff Keith Pearson and PIO Bryan Beattie so we know, right or wrong." Vice Chairman Chad Miller seconded the motion. The motion was passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, "Butch" Post, Asst. Secretary