



## Minutes of the Republican Executive Committee Meeting

August 27th, 2024

As submitted by Sherri Propis, SLC REC Secretary

Quorum of 38 was reached

Meeting called to order by Chairman Kenny Nail at 6:11 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Prayer led by Laura Roscoe

1. Opening Comments from Chairman Kenny Nail
  - a. Chairman Nail welcomed the REC to its new venue: Synergy Magnet K-12 school
    - i. Thanks to Vice-Chair Chad Miller & Tim Fuller for arranging the new digs!
2. Welcome Special Guests/Dignitaries:
  - a. City Councilman and State Committeeman Anthony Bonna
  - b. State Committeewoman MaryAnn Russell
  - c. Gabby Rothman, candidate for Tax Collector
  - d. SLC Republican Club president & elected State Committeewoman Laura Rosco
  - e. Jennifer Frey, candidate for Supervisor of Elections
  - f. St Lucie County School Board incumbent Jennifer Richardson
  - g. US Representative Brian Mast and campaign manager, Maddox Stirrat
  - h. State House Representative, Dana Trabulsy
3. Chairman Kenny Comments
  - a. Congratulations to all our candidates! Your hard work and dedication are appreciated!
  - b. Thanks also to all the volunteers working polls, information tents and canvassing
  - c. Primary Recap:
    - i. Registered voters: 235,734: Ballots cast: 48,481 20.57% voter turnout
      1. 27k Republican votes
      2. 16K Democrat votes
  - d. It will be VITAL to get an additional 14-15k more Republican voters more than Democrats in the general to beat incumbent SOE Gertrude Walker
    - i. Because she has been in office 44 years, she will get Republican and NPA votes; we MUST turn out the vote!

- ii. Barry Mucklow has been monitoring the SOE office for years and there are questionable practices/occurrences that we need to correct
    - 1. Ex: 900 sq foot home in Fort Pierce had 52 registered Democrats at that address
  - e. In that same vein, incumbent Tax Collector, Chris Craft has been in office a long time and has name recognition. We MUST turn out the EDUCATED AGAINST CHRIS CRAFT Republican vote!
- 4. Proposed Campaign Budget (handed out at the meeting)
  - a. Total \$26,900 proposed
    - i. Door hangers \$3k
    - ii. Mailers \$15k
    - iii. Social media/texting \$3500
    - iv. REC GOP tents \$400
    - v. Community involvement \$5k
  - b. Current REC funds = \$14k
  - c. Voting on the proposed budget will be held at the next REC Meeting, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>
- 5. Upcoming Special Events:
  - a. 2024 Trump Day Dinner
    - i. October 12th
    - ii. Synergy K-12 School: will hold up to 1k people
    - iii. Organizational meeting: Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> at REC HQ 6 pm
    - iv. Special Guests:
      - 1. Congressman Brian Mast
      - 2. Congressman Cory Mills
      - 3. Congressman Byron Donalds
  - b. Volunteer Training
    - i. Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. REC HQ
  - c. Dana Trabulsy Super Saturday Walk
    - i. Sept 7<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. 9-10 am: fellowship
    - iii. 10-?: walk through Indian River Estates
- 6. Treasurer Report
  - a. Interim Treasurer Mike Decker shared the REC's bank balance of \$14k
  - b. Clay shoot proceeds: net \$41k
- 7. RPOF Loyalty Oath
  - a. ALL precinct committeemen and precinct committeewoman MUST sign a RPOF Loyalty Oath
    - i. BEFORE September 17<sup>th</sup>: must be given to REC Secretary, Sherri Propis
    - ii. MUST be witnessed by REC Secretary Sherri Propis OR a REC officer OR
    - iii. Notarized and given to REC Secretary Sherri Propis or dropped at REC HQ for the Secretary
      - 1. NOTE: REC HQ volunteers WILL NOT verify nor ID these forms
    - iv. Forms may be filled out and given at the next REC meeting Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>

## 8. Upcoming REC Meeting Dates

- a. September 10<sup>th</sup>: 6 pm
  - i. Amendment 4 speaker
- b. October 8<sup>th</sup>: 6 pm
- c. November 12<sup>th</sup>: 6 pm
  - i. ALL meetings will occur at Synergy K-12 School at 5200 Oleander Ave.

## 9. Candidates Speeches

- a. Dana Trabulsy: gave thanks for the support, reminded us we need to come together to fight to win; we need to be strategic in our voter turnout: % of women, % of ethnicities & % of Democrats will be key especially given the incumbent make-up and Amendment 4 on the ballot
- b. Chairman Nail iterated last election cycle we had 12-28 field officers dispatched to our area to help the voter turnout in 2020-- this cycle we have 0; the \$ is going to what is considered battleground states—it will be up to US to get out the vote!
- c. SOE candidate Jennifer Frey—thanks for the help of the volunteers; we need to unite to win! SOE incumbent Gertrude Walker MUST be defeated---during the recount there was a ballot box OUTSIDE the secure cage, a violation; the volunteers watching polls, ballot box drop-offs and counts MUST have knowledge of the process and what to look for
  - i. We must get US immigration to share citizen/immigrant status to the SOE's to ensure non-citizens are not voting!
- d. Tax Collector candidate Gabby Rothman: gave multiple reasons why Chris Craft must be removed from office, including horrific customer service, reduced hours/days for service, not offering a multitude of revenue-producing services other counties offer
- e. School Board incumbent Jennifer Richardson: thank you for the win and volunteer support
- f. State Committeewoman (elected) Laura Roscoe: this is everyone's victory; it is the American dream for a legal immigrant to achieve office; we must fight illegal immigration and open borders; Laura promises to give her all to this position to represent us at the state level
- g. County Commissioner Cathy Townsend was not available due to SLC BOCC meeting
- h. County Commissioner Erin Lowry was not available: took some time off with family after the election

## 10. For The Good of the Order

- a. Red Elephant Award: Joe James for tirelessly knocking doors, registering voters and educating voters
- b. Vice-Chair Chad Miller stated the new door hangers and flyers will be available for viewing on Friday or Saturday
  - i. The REC defeated one of the REC's biggest opponents, Pedicini, in his fight against a number of our endorsed candidates
- c. State Representative Dana Trabulsy will be speaking on Amendment 4 at different venues and is available to speak at an event – get in touch with her to arrange

Motion to adjourn: Chad Miller

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm