



Republican Executive Committee

Saint Lucie County

Minutes of the Republican Executive Committee Meeting

October 15th, 2024

As submitted by Sherri Propis, SLC REC Secretary

Quorum of 38 was reached

Meeting called to order by Chairman Kenny Nail at 6:08 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Prayer led by member John Thoma

1. Opening Comments from Chairman Kenny Nail

- a. Chairman Nail paid tribute to long-time member, Ana Gomez-Mallada, who sadly passed away. A memorial is being planned and Chairman Nail will let the REC membership know when that has been solidified.
- b. Chairman Nail also announced the unexpected death of Dennis Russell, State Committeewoman and long-time member Mary Ann Russell's husband.

2. RPOF Turnout the Vote Contest

- a. Vice-Chair Chad Miller announced a contest by the RPOF
 - i. Counties judged based on Republican voting turnout in 3 categories for our rural county category:
 1. Overall Turnout %
 2. Vote by Mail Return %
 3. Most Improved Turnout %
 - ii. A total of \$100,500 will be contributed to the winning REC's.
 - iii. Winners will receive their check at the 2025 RPOF January meeting at the Rosen Centre
- b. Campaign flyers & ads are done and available for distribution
 - i. Ad will be placed in the St Lucie Voice Oct. 24th
 - ii. Door hangers are available for anyone holding precinct walks and/or meetings in their communities
 - iii. Canvassing will be Saturday, Oct 19th at 9 am; meeting at Kenny Nail's home

3. Welcome Special Guests/Dignitaries:

- a. 1 guest
- b. Trump campaign member, Daniell Ilinger

- i. In 2020, Democrats had a 22% lead over Republicans for VBM; that now stands at 6%
- ii. We **MUST** chase ballots to win!
- c. SLC Republican Club president & elected State Committeewoman Laura Rosco
- d. Jennifer Frey, candidate for Supervisor of Elections
- e. County Commissioner Larry Leet's staff member, Martha Hornsby
- f. Maddox Stirrat- Brian Mast campaign manager
- g. Anthony Bonna, State Committeeman and City Councilman
- h. Jessica Spencer- guest speaker on Amendment 3

4. Speaker Jessica Spencer: Vote NO on Amendment 3

a. REASONS TO VOTE NO

- i. We **should not be doing constitutional amendments** overall: they cannot be legislated and are extremely difficult to reverse
- ii. People must **read the entire bill** before deciding- we only see the ballot language summary. The detail can be found at jamesmadison.org
- iii. **Corporate Greed**: this is not about personal choice- this is the most expensive initiative nationwide and is fully funded by marijuana corporations
 - 1. Will triple the market, and they are the only ones that profit
 - 2. Most states allow 1-6 personal plants. This bill does not allow ANY personal cultivation
 - 3. **Cannot ban public smoking of marijuana** anywhere! The language specifically states you can only ban public smoking of MEDICAL marijuana
- iv. **Black market will grow**:
 - 1. this will NOT decrease fentanyl-laced product because the black market will be cheaper than going to a dispensary
 - 2. the bill will INCREASE demand and people will go to cheaper sources (black market)
 - 3. studies out of Colorado confirm this phenomenon
- v. **Sends the wrong message to our youth**
- vi. **Voting 'no' does NOT get rid of medical marijuana**
 - 1. a 'no' vote keeps what we have now
- vii. **Civic/criminal immunity for the corporations**
 - 1. Immunity was written in for the corporations—no accountability
- viii. **The amendment was written by the marijuana industry corporations!**

5. Treasurer Report

- a. Current balance: \$45,322.93
- b. Available balance: \$43,772.93

6. GOTV Strategy Components

- a. Precinct Committee Engagement
 - i. Hold walks, meetings, get together in your precinct
 - ii. Phone bank your precinct
- b. Party Initiatives
 - i. Text messaging

- ii. Mailings
- iii. Canvassing events to be held
 - 1. Saturday, Oct 19th 9 am
 - 2. Meet at Chairman Nail's home
- c. Early Voting and Election Day Operations
 - i. Hospitality information tents at all voting locations
 - 1. Distribute voter guides
 - 2. Answer questions

7. Upcoming Special Events:

- a. 2024 Trump Day Dinner
 - i. November 3rd TENTATIVE DATE
 - ii. MidFlorida event center
- b. REC monthly meeting
 - i. November 12th 6 pm
- c. TCWRCF monthly meeting
 - i. Oct 26th
 - ii. 11:30 am – 1 pm
 - iii. 19th Hole at the Saints
- d. Walmart at route 70: a group is feeding those affected and are desperately in need of volunteers to serve and run essential supplies
 - i. Sign-up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040848AEAE2-FA1F49-52337670-operation>
 - ii. Also, can go to the Spanish Lakes CC at 12 Las Casitas Ct; Fort Pierce, FL 34951
 - 1. Tell the deputies you are there to volunteer for food distribution

8. For The Good of the Order

- a. Red Elephant Award: Eddie Evans who always works diligently yet quietly behind the scenes!

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm