

**MINUTES: Culpeper County Republican Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 26, 2023**

Note: The meeting call was sent via email January 19, 2023.

Call to Order	Interim Chairman Lorraine Carter presiding. Meeting started at 7:04pm
Invocation	Dewey McDonnell
Pledge of Allegiance	Lorraine Carter
Republican Creed	Dave Crissman
Welcome of Guests	Lorraine Carter
Roll Call of Members	Lorraine Carter
Previous Meeting minutes	No changes. Minutes stand.
Agenda	<u>Susan Monaco moved to amend agenda to include Nominating Committee update.</u> Agenda approved.
1 st Good of the Order	Larry Green spoke on behalf of the Bryce Reeves campaign. May 6th firehouse primary. Two voting locations, 1 in Culpeper, Reformation Lutheran Church, 1 at the Orange County Republican HQ. 7 th district Chairman Ben Hazecamp spoke. There will be Feb 4 th candidate training in Fredericksburg for those interested in running for office. RPV Advance event in Richmond weekend of April 20th
Interim Chair Report	Lorraine Carter read a message from Steve Mouring, which announced the resignation of Mike Gerzina as Chair of the No Conservative Left Behind Committee, resignation of Barby Mouring as Corresponding Secretary and his resignation as Chair of the CCRC. Process moving forward: Lorraine is acting chair until we have election at Feb 23 rd meeting. Anyone wanting to run for Chair and Vice Chair needs to fill out form for Nominating Committee. Candidates will be announced at Feb 23 rd meeting. Will fill our remainder of term until next election in January. Information sharing: need to opt in to have your email address shared. Lorraine appointed Sandy Boone as Corresponding Secretary. <u>Affirmation vote taken and Sandy was approved.</u>
Recording Secretary's Report	Susan Monaco reported no one moved to affiliate since last meeting. In November, one person, Steve Brubaker, presented for membership. <u>Unanimous approval.</u> 2 people were introduced for membership: Hector Benitez and Larry Green, who introduced themselves and will be voted on in February. Let Susan know if you are opting in to having your email address shared with people within the committee.
Corresponding Secretary Report	No report
Treasurer Report	Had \$5,557.80 at last meeting. Executive Committee approved expenses for Jan rent of \$500 paid to Humble Purpose LLC and reimbursements for approved expenditures.
Finance Chair Report	Vanessa Short shared annual audit and 2023 budget, which includes funds to obtain voter data. There was discussion about promoting Reagan Dinner (February 25 th) to bring in more funds this year. <u>Unanimous consent to approve 2023 Budget.</u>
Events Chair Report	Dave Crissman, interim Events Chair, discussed Reagan Dinner, which will be at Tuscany Hall. Speaker will be Steven Myers. There will be a VIP section. Looking for sponsors for tables. Candidates who sponsor a table will be able to set up a table for campaign info. Looking for donations for silent auction.
Election Protection Report	Terry Leach said they found a few people registered to vote not US citizens. Same day voter registration is an issue. Need to clean up voter rolls. RPV database stinks and they need to get behind election integrity. Issue with DMV.

Precinct Coordinator Report	Craig Mills reported that turnout was higher for Yesli than Youngkin in 13 out of 15 precincts. Our work paid off but need to work on mail in votes. Goal: precinct captains to help with workload.
Good of the Order #2	<p>Board of Supervisors - Paul Bates, discussed election integrity and need to get people involved at state level. Seniors in memory care facilities are an issue.</p> <p>Town Council - Joe Short stated we need to contact elected reps about election integrity. Town doing well financially. \$33M in VDOT funds allocated to help with infrastructure.</p> <p>Town Council - Janie Schmidt stated they are working on budget. Costs are increasing. Next meeting is Feb 14th. Look at agenda and attend. Some rezoning votes are coming for land off Route 3. Citizens have opportunity to join boards.</p>
Nominating Committee Report	<p>Bill Schneider, chair of committee, reported they are working on appointing election officers. Must be affiliated with a party. Clive Richmond explained what election officers do. Need at least 4 Election Officers per precinct. Received 51 forms back so far. See him for a form if interested. We'd like 10-15 more people.</p> <p>Will be vetting Chair and Vice Chair candidates. Later in year will be looking at public candidates and will have process to vet people for CCRC. Committee includes him, Dewey McDonnell and Dave Kullivan.</p>
New Business	<p>Sherry Crissman told committee that website needed to be renewed. <u>Susan Monaco made motion to continue the website and domain names at a cost of \$264. Clive Richmond second.</u> Some discussion that the cost didn't include domain name. <u>Susan Monaco made motion to amend the motion that the cost for the website and domain names would not exceed \$300, Lorraine Carter second.</u> Motion carries unanimously.</p>
Good of the Order #3	<p>Missy White, County Treasurer, stated she was at a meeting in Richmond and went to General Assembly and encouraged everyone to go and meet with their elected reps.</p> <p>Dewey McDonnell explained efforts of America First Patriots. He needs another board member to help. Installing with 65-inch tvs at HQ to share info with conservatives.</p>
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 8:44

The next meeting will be on Thursday February 23rd at 7pm at Reformation Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 601 Madison Road, Culpeper, VA

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Monaco, Recording Secretary
January 30, 2023