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State Central Committee Meeting December 14, 2018

The regular meeting of the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia was held at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott, Norfolk, VA on December 14, 2018. Chairman Jack Wilson called the meeting to order at 2:36pm. Secretary Jill Cook was present.

The invocation was given by Wendell Walker.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Trent.
The Republican Creed was read by Thomas Turner.

The Chair appointed Mark Kelley, Courtney Britt and Eric Nielsen to the proxy committee.

The following members attended in person:

Jack Wilson	Amanda Batten	Steve "Doc" Troxel
Mike Thomas	Wendell Walker	Mark Hile
Morton Blackwell	Nancy Dye	Susan Lascolette
Cynthia Dunbar	Russ Wright	Dewey McDonnell
Jill Cook	Carol Dawson	Nancy Smith
Chris Marston	Jeff Ryer	Charlie Keller
Bob Watson	Carolyn Weems	David Foster
Dennis Free	Bill Curtis	Susan Edwards
Jennifer Lee	Chad Green	Sharon Ashurst
Carey Allen	Wesley Edwards	Mark Sell
Melvin Adams	Steve Trent	Mike Feuz
Ben Slone	Carole de Triquet	Richard McCarty
Mark Kelly	Bill Coburn	Erin Porch
Adam Tolbert	Barbara Tabb	Ian Frith
Andrew Nicholson	Janet Riddick	Courtney Britt
Eric Nielsen	Angela Swygert	Linda Bartlett
Mary Franklin	Renee Maxey	Marie Quinn
Chris Stolle	Travis Witt	Robert Thomas
John Cosgrove	Nate Boyer	

The report of the Proxy Committee was accepted. Eighteen proxies were reported and found in order. After some late arrivals, the proxy number was adjusted to nineteen.

The following members attended by proxy:

John Selph – proxy held by Eric Philipkosky
Jennifer Brown – proxy held by Skyler Zunk
Paul Prados – proxy held by Melissa Beaudoin
Kishore Thota – proxy held by Thomas Turner
Steve Albertson - proxy held by Michael Schoelwer
Larry Kile – proxy held by Mark Daniel
Robert Cunningham – proxy held by Joan Blackstone
Ed Yensho – proxy held by Nancy Rodland
Joanne Holden – proxy held by Will Pace
Will Kirk – proxy held by Chris Shores
Carrie Thompson – proxy held by Charlie Nave
Anne Fitzgerald – proxy held by Steve Richards
David Ross – proxy held by Janet McDonnell
Sandy Liddy Bourne – proxy held by Debbie Bodlander
Aaron Spradlin – proxy held by Zack Thompson
Julie Williams – proxy held by Ted Lesley
Ryan Rauner – proxy held by Jim Parmelee
Erika Dyer – proxy held by Cole Trower
Dustin Rinehart – proxy held by Jessi Rapelji

The minutes of the meeting of Sept 8, 2018 were approved as corrected.

Chairman's Report

The Chair commented on the 2018 election results, stressing the importance of party unity and voter registration.

National Committee Reports

Cynthia Dunbar and Morton Blackwell addressed the Committee.

Nancy Dye moved to reconvene in executive session for the purpose of discussing finances. The motion carried by voice vote; the Committee convened in executive session at 3:05 pm.

The Committee reconvened in regular session at 3:33pm. Motion was made to certify that the topics discussed in executive session were limited to financial matters.

Jeff Ryer moved to adopt the budget as presented. Cole Trower seconded. The budget was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Unfinished Business

State Party Plan Amendment #1

Mike Thomas spoke on behalf of the Party Plan Committee. Mr. Thomas noted the resignation of Eve Gleason from SCC, thus his presentation on behalf of the Committee.

Equitable Distribution of Convention Delegate Lists

This amendment is unanimously recommended by the Party Plan Committee to the SCC for adoption.

Amend Article VIII, Section H. Delegates, by adding a new Paragraph 8:

A list of delegates and alternates elected to represent a Unit shall be provided, once available, by the chairman of the Unit Committee to each duly filed candidate for public or party office to be filled at the convention, upon request of the candidate or candidate's designee. Lists of delegates shall be available within (a) 14 days of their election, if 250 or fewer delegates are elected, or (b) within 21 days if more than 250 delegates have been elected. Lists shall be provided in an equitable manner to all requesting candidates, and shall include all contact information provided by delegates at the time of prefiling or election.

EXPLANATION: This amendment will bring more consistency to the distribution of delegate lists to candidates running for office at the convention for which delegates were elected. The amendment sets forth three important requirements:

(1) Lists are to be provided to any duly filed candidate running at the convention that requests one, and are to be provided in an equitable manner (meaning identical lists are to be distributed by the same means at as close to the same time as possible to all candidates that have requested one by the time that lists are available; candidates that wait until after a list is available will obviously receive the list later than those that made a request before the list was available.)

(2) A Unit's list of delegates shall be available within either 14 or 21 days of their election (which is either (a) the prefiling deadline in cases in which election is automatic because the number of prefiling does not exceed the maximum number of delegates that can be elected, or (b) the date of the Unit mass meeting, party canvass or convention that votes to elect the delegates).

(3) Delegate lists must contain all of the contact information that delegates provided at the time they prefiling or were elected.

A Unit may certainly provide a delegate list sooner than 14 or 21 days if the list is ready to be distributed, as long as it is provided to all candidates in an equitable manner.

The Party Plan Amendment passed by roll call vote, 69-5.

State Party Plan Amendment #2

Recognizing Resignation of Members of and Donors to Other Political Parties

This amendment is unanimously recommended by the Party Plan Committee to the SCC for adoption.

Amend Article VII, Section C. Delegates, by adding language to item (d):

Removal

Any Chairman, except the State Chairman, or any other member of an Official Committee may be removed from office by the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the other members of the Committee, after being furnished with notice that such removal will be sought, with the charges, in writing, signed by not less than one-third (1/3) of the members of the Committee; and allowing him thirty (30) days within which to appear and defend himself.

The State Chairman may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a State Convention or by the three-fourths (3/4) vote of the State Central Committee, the action of said Convention or Committee being subject to the foregoing as to notice and opportunity for defense.

*A member of an Official Committee is held to a higher standard of support for nominees of the Republican Party than an individual who merely participates in a mass meeting, party canvass, convention or primary. Therefore, a member of an Official Committee is deemed to have resigned his Committee position if he (a) makes a reportable contribution to and/or (b) knowingly allows his name to be publicly used by and/or (c) makes a written or other public statement supporting the election of a candidate in opposition to a Republican nominee in a Virginia General or Special Election, and/or (d) becomes **a member or** an officer of **or makes a reportable contribution to** any other political party. A majority of the elected officers of an official committee are charged with recognizing when this provision is in effect. For members of multiple official committees, such recognition by a given official committee applies to all subordinate official committees. Such member may be re-instated by a majority vote of the other members of the Committee.*

For the purposes of this section, "allows" shall mean that a member has either (i) affirmatively given permission for his name to be publicly used, or (ii) refused to publicly disavow the use of his name upon receiving notification by an official committee chairman that it is being used.

EXPLANATION: This amendment closes a loophole in the current language. It adds to the list of those behaviors which trigger automatic removal from an official committee two items: joining a political party other than the Republican party and making a reportable donation to a political party other than the Republican party.

The Party Plan Amendment passed unanimously by voice vote.

New Business

Jack Morgan, former Ninth District Chair, made a presentation on voter registration.

The Chair's motion to dispense with remaining reports passed by voice vote.

Upon adoption of a motion to adjourn by voice vote, the Committee adjourned at 4:18pm.

