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State Central Committee Meeting
December 8, 2017

The regular meeting of the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia was held at the Omni Homestead Resort on December 8, 2017. Chairman John Whitbeck called the meeting to order at 12:27pm. Secretary Jill Cook was present.

The invocation was given by Travis Witt.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Wendell Walker.

The Republican Creed was read by Andrew Nicholson.

The following members attended in person:

John Whitbeck	Kevin Gentry	Susan Lascolette
Mike Thomas	Wendell Walker	Dewey McDonnell
Morton Blackwell	Nancy Dye	Nancy Smith
Jill Cook	Russ Wright	Charlie Keller
Chris Marston	Robert Cunningham	David Foster
Bob Watson	Carol Dawson	Aaron Spradlin
Dennis Free	Jeff Ryer	Michelle Jenkins
Jennifer Lee	Ashley McLeod	Marcy Hernick
Jack Wilson	Steve Trent	Corey Scott
Lynn Tucker	Bill Coburn	Susan Edwards
Scott Sayre	Barbara Tabb	Andrew Nicholson
Ben Slone	Renee Maxey	Mark Sell
Mark Kelly	Ed Yensho	Eve Gleason
Adam Tolbert	Travis Witt	Kyle McDaniel
Jo Thoburn	Steve "Doc" Troxel	Fredy Burgos
Paul Prados	Joseph Sonsmith	Ryan Rauner
Nadia Elgendy	Carrie Thompson	Jack Koltisko
Kishore Thota	Anne Fitzgerald	Erika Dyer
Ellen Nau	Mark Hile	Linda Bartlett
John Cosgrove	David Ross	Marie Quinn

The following members attended by proxy:

Cynthia Dunbar – proxy held by Diana Shores
John Selph – proxy held by Chaz Haywood
Jerry Kilgore – proxy held by Ross Jenkins
Diana Banister – proxy held by Anne Gentry
Larry Kile – proxy held by Joan Blackstone
Carolyn Weems – proxy held by Cindy Free
Carole de Triquet – proxy held by Susan Cobb
Carey Allen – proxy held by Peter Foster
Joanne Holden – proxy held by Will Pace
Will Kirk – proxy held by Chris Shores
Nate Boyer – proxy held by Steve Richards
Sandy Liddy Bourne – proxy held by Chris Marston
Puneet Ahluwalia – proxy held by Ron Wright
Jacob Neff – proxy held by Lauren Keiser
Dustin Rinehart – proxy held by Thomas Turner
Jimmie Massie – proxy held by Del Kirk Cox

Susan Lascolette raised the point of order that Article VII, Section D of the State Party Plan provides that "a State Central Committee member automatically loses and is deemed to have resigned his Committee position if he fails to attend in person at least fifty (50) percent of the regular meetings in any calendar year" and based on the attendance record for the past year, some members should lose and be deemed to have resigned their seats. The Chair found the point of order was not well taken since the calendar year had not ended and the possibility of an additional meeting remained, so no final decision could be made on any member's attendance record. After ruling on the point of order, the Chair reminded SCC members of their obligation to attend meetings and noted that letters would be sent to those members whose attendance record might violate the rule.

The Chair appointed Nadia Elgandy to the Proxy Committee.

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 16, 2017 meeting were approved.

At 12:37pm, the Chair invited Senate candidate Corey Stewart to address the committee. Mr. Stewart spoke for two minutes.

State Chairman's Report

The Chair discussed the upcoming election and the challenges we will face in 2018. He emphasized the positive points of the 2017 election. He referenced the RPV summits that will be held across the state, including the one recently held in Fairfax.

The Chair requested a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss recount status and strategies, and to deliver the finance report.

At 12:48pm, Bob Watson moved to enter Executive Session. Motion was approved by voice vote.

At 1:10pm, a motion was made to exit Executive Session. Motion was approved by voice vote and the Chair called the Committee back to order.

Unfinished Business and General Orders - None

Reports

By unanimous consent, the Committee took up Reports out of order.

Diana Shores read a statement on behalf of National Committeewoman Cynthia Dunbar.

National Committeeman Morton Blackwell gave a report, which included the following topics:

- RNC vs DNC Finances
- Comments on the 2017 Election
- The Tax Cut Bill

Ellen Nau delivered the VFRW report. Convention will be May 4-6, 2018 at the Hilton Richmond Downtown. Legislative Day is Jan 11, 2018 in Richmond.

The proxy committee reported that 16 proxies were found in order.

Nadia Elgendy delivered the CR report.

Thomas Turner delivered the YR report.

New Business

The Committee returned to the regular order of business. The Chair requested a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the Advance schedule and the budget.

At 1:26pm, Ben Slone moved to enter Executive Session. Motion was approved by voice vote.

At 1:42pm, the Chair requested a motion to exit Executive Session.

Chris Marston moved to exit Executive Session. Motion was approved by voice vote.

At 1:43pm, the Chair requested a motion to adjourn.

Dennis Free moved to adjourn. Motion was approved by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 1:43pm.

