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State Central Committee Meeting
March 4, 2017

The regular meeting of the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia was held at the offices of McGuireWoods LLC, Richmond VA, on March 4, 2017. Chairman John Whitbeck called the meeting to order at 10:09am. Secretary Jill Cook was present.

The invocation was given by Travis Witt.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nancy Dye.

The Republican Creed was led by Ben Slone.

The Chair appointed Nancy Dye, Wendell Walker and John Selph to the Proxy Committee. The Committee reported that 9 proxies were in order.

The following members attended in person:

John Whitbeck	Nadia Elgandy	Carey Allen
Mike Thomas	Dan Webb	Renee Maxey
Morton Blackwell	Ellen Nau	Ed Yensho
Cynthia Dunbar	John Cosgrove	Joanne Holden
Jill Cook	Diana Banister	Will Kirk
John Selph	Wendell Walker	Travis Witt
Chris Marston	Nancy Dye	Steve Troxel
Eric Herr	Steve Albertson	Joseph Sonsmith*
Dennis Free	Bob Watson	Carrie Thompson
Jennifer Lee	Larry Kile	Anne Fitzgerald
Jack Wilson	Carol Dawson	Mark Hile
Lynn Tucker	Jeff Ryer	Susan Lascolette
Scott Sayre	Chad Green	Dewey McDonnell
Ben Slone	Wesley Edwards	Nancy Smith
Mark Kelly	Steve Trent	Charlie Keller
Adam Tolbert	Carole de Triquet	Sandy Liddy Bourne
Jo Thoburn	Bill Coburn	David Foster
Paul Prados	Pete Burkheimer	Aaron Spradlin

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Michelle Jenkins
Marcy Hernick
Susan Edwards
Andrew Nicholson
Mark Sell
Puneet Ahluwalia

Eve Gleason
Kyle McDaniel
Fredy Burgos
Ryan Rauner
Jack Koltisko
Jacob Neff

Michael Wood
Jeff Wernsing
Miki Miller
Jimmie Massie
Siobhan Dunnavant

Mr. Sonsmith attended in person from 1:00-1:19pm and was otherwise represented by proxy.

The following members attended by proxy:

Jerry Kilgore – proxy held by Donald Williams
Jackson Miller - proxy held by Matt Fariss
Kevin Gentry – proxy held by Dustin Hodges
Robert Cunningham - proxy held by Susan Clingan
Carolyn Weems – proxy held by Cindy Free
Barbara Tabb – proxy held by Bill Flanagan
Nate Boyer – proxy held by Vance Wilkins
Joseph Sonsmith – proxy held by Jeffrey R Adams
Ron Hedlund - proxy held by Aaron Gulbransen
Corey Scott – proxy held by Tyler Lester
Jenny Mundy – proxy held by Marie Quinn

The proxy report was accepted. Two proxies were turned in during the meeting, after the report was given. The total number of proxies was 11.

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2016 meeting were approved.

The Chair recognized Garren Shipley, VA Communications Director of RNC, who gave a report on the communications goals of 2017. Following the presentation, Mr. Shipley answered questions from the Committee.

The Chair announced members who have left the SCC and recognized new members.

The Chair recognized Denver Riggleman, candidate for VA Governor, who addressed the Committee for four minutes.

State Chairman's Report/Finance Report

- The Chair discussed his recent activities in the White House, and his meetings with West Wing personnel. He noted that the White House Office of Political Affairs has a position specifically for VA.

- Finance report highlights: the 2016 Advance generated \$234,394 in revenue and \$139,730 in profit. The Advance will be held at Homestead next year. 2016 revenue was \$926,030, with a profit of \$76,431.

The Chair interrupted his report and recognized Chuck Smith, candidate for VA Attorney General, who addressed the committee for two minutes.

- The Chair introduced John Vick, the new RPV Political Director. John addressed the committee for one minute.
- The Chair noted Republican victories in the two January VA special elections.
- The Chair mentioned the All-American Ball, which honored heroes.
- The Chair reported the following:
 - On February 8, RPV notified the State Board of Elections that it would nominate it's candidates at the June 13 Primary.
 - District chairs are selecting methods of nomination.
 - Many local races are upcoming. RPV will participate more actively this year.
 - Jordan Labiosa has been hired as RPV Digital Director.
 - US Rep Tom Garrett will hold a town hall in Charlottesville.

At 11:18am, Carole de Triquet moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss finance issues. Approved by voice vote.

At 11:44am, the Committee ended its Executive Session and recessed for lunch.

At 12:07pm, the Chair called the Committee back to order. Nancy Dye moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy issues. Approved by voice vote.

At 12:59pm, the Committee ended its Executive Session.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

National Delegate Selection Party Plan Amendment

Eve Gleason reported on behalf of the Party Plan Committee. They met twice in February; they received input from SCC members and formulated two alternatives, which have been presented and distributed to SCC. The Party Plan Committee voted not to make a recommendation on either alternative.

Sandy Liddy Bourne moved to refer the issue to each local unit for feedback. SCC members will bring the language to the units, have the units review the language and provide feedback, then SCC will place the language into the Call for next meeting for a vote.

The Chair appointed an *ad hoc* committee chaired by Andrew Nicholson to study this process. The Chair announced that anyone interested can join the *ad hoc* committee, and that there is no limit to number of members. The committee will serve as a clearinghouse.

Carole de Triquet moved to amend Sandy's motion to strike all language regarding the process; discussion of the Bourne amendment would continue at next SCC meeting. Motion defeated by voice vote.

Ed Yensho moved to amend Sandy's motion; that both options be presented by John Vick with commentary to the Unit Chairs, JV will solicit feedback from the unit chairs, unit reports will be due back to JV by April 20, JV will compile the information and send back to the Party Plan Committee. The Bourne motion would not be on the next SCC meeting agenda.

The Yensho amendment failed by a standing counted vote, 33-39.

Bourne offered to withdraw her motion; the offer was approved by unanimous consent.

Ad hoc committee stands.

Report of Communications Best Practices Task Force

Jill Cook reported that the Task Force met on February 18, 2017. Nine members were in attendance. For each of the five sub-groups, specific items of concern were identified; final report will be given at the next SCC meeting.

New Business

Audit Committee Selections and Member Approval

The Chair asked for and received approval by voice vote to appoint the following members to the Audit Committee: Chris Marston, Charlie Judd, Frank Loehr, Rich Nilson, Ryan Rauner, Diana Banister.

Motion Regarding Challenges to State and Federal Laws and Regulations

Motion by Mike Thomas: *"Resolved, that it is the determination of the State Central Committee that no Official Committee, other than the State Central Committee, shall initiate, join, be a party to or otherwise bring about a cause of action, injunction or lawsuit to challenge any State or federal law or regulation in court without the express authorization of the State Central Committee. This determination shall not affect an Official Committee's ability to defend itself when named in a complaint nor shall it affect an Official Committee's ability to initiate action when such action does not involve a challenge to State or federal law or regulation."*

Cynthia Dunbar moved to amend the motion. Amendment changes the language to expressly declare that we will NOT be a part of the lawsuit if we didn't approve in advance.

Eric Herr moved to postpone the motion to the next meeting.

The Chair called for a vote on the motion. Thomas withdrew his motion by unanimous consent.

Jennifer Byler Institute Update

Sandy Bourne stated that JBI has been revised to be more inclusive and has a new plan of organization. JBI has been renamed RPV Leadership Institute. Sandy requested that SCC members send the application to any potential members. Twenty-five participants will be chosen.

By unanimous consent, the Committee dispensed with the Update on House of Delegate races.

Resolution in Support of President Trump

Ed Yensho moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Constitution names the President as the Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, thereby tasking him with the responsibility for the security of the Nation; and WHEREAS, Title 8 United States Code, section 1182(f) enacted as section 212(f) of the INA is entitled "Suspension of Entry or Imposition of Restrictions by President"; and WHEREAS, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, which, according to the ABA, has a reversal rate as high as 80%, upheld Judge Robart's stay on the President's E.O. No. 13769; and WHEREAS, within hours of the President's Inauguration the Main Stream Media began an unprecedented attack on all things Trump; and Rasmussen poll of likely voters showed 48% believe the MSM is biased against the President with only 12% polling the opposite ; and WHEREAS, a February poll conducted by Black Book Market Research of 44,200 ACA enrollees found only 22% rated it good or excellent, down from 77% the first year; and WHEREAS, The Hill's inaugural Harvard-Harris poll found 73% of Voters want to see Democrats work with the President and a Rasmussen poll of 27 February found the number at 63%; and WHEREAS, a Rasmussen poll of 23 February found 45% of voters approve of the country's direction compared to 30% a year ago and higher than any week of Obama's eight years; now therefore
BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Republican Party of Virginia, do hereby call on all Republican Leadership to support and rally behind the President's 100 Day Agenda with a high sense of urgency; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Republican Leadership forcefully challenge any misreporting by the MSM and allied organizations and call it by its familiar name, "Fake News".

Cynthia Dunbar moved to amend the resolution by substituting the following language:

"Resolved, that the Republican Party of Virginia reaffirms and restates its support of the Republican National Committee's 'Resolution Commending the Historic Presidential Election of Donald J. Trump and Supporting Him to Make America Great Again.' "

The amendment passed by voice vote.

The motion, as amended, passed by voice vote.

Reports

Delegate Jimmie Massie delivered the General Assembly report.

Steve Albertson moved to adjourn and dispense with all remaining reports. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:41pm.