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State Central Committee Meeting March 23, 2019

The regular meeting of the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia was held at the offices of McGuireWoods in Richmond, VA on March 23, 2019. Chairman Jack Wilson called the meeting to order at 11:32am. Secretary Jill Cook was present.

The invocation was given by Renee Maxey.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trixie Averil.
The Republican Creed was read by Thomas Turner.

The Chair appointed College Republican members Courtney Britt, Tyler Perkins and Connor Barth to the proxy committee.

The following members attended in person:

Jack Wilson	Wendell Walker	Joseph Sonsmith
Mike Thomas	Heather Stefl	Jeffrey Adams
Morton Blackwell	Russ Wright	Ann Fitzgerald
Cynthia Dunbar	Larry Kile	Mark Hile
Jill Cook	Mark Daniel	David Ross
John Selph	Carol Dawson	Susan Lascolette
Chris Marston	Jeff Ryer	Sandy Liddy Bourne
Bob Watson	Bill Curtis	David Foster
Dennis Free	Wesley Edwards	Zack Thompson
Jennifer Lee	Steve Trent	Susan Edwards
Carey Allen	Carole de Triquet	Mark Sell
Melvin Adams	Bill Coburn	Julie Williams
Jennifer Brown	Barbara Tabb	Mike Feuz
Ben Slone	Janet Riddick	Richard McCarty
Mark Kelly	Angela Swygert	Tyler Perkins
Adam Tolbert	Renee Maxey	Linda Bartlett
Andrew Nicholson	Ed Yensho	Marie Quinn
Courtney Britt	Will Kirk	Robert Thomas
Mary Franklin	Travis Witt	Bill DeSteph
John Cosgrove	Nate Boyer	
Amanda Batten	Steve "Doc" Troxel	

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The report of the Proxy Committee was accepted. Eleven proxies were reported and found in order.

The following members attended by proxy:

Charlie Keller - proxy held by Jim Presswood
Erin Porch – proxy held by Melissa Beaudoin
Paul Prados – proxy held by Jo Watts
Joanne Holden – proxy held by Christian Raymond
Tyler Lester – proxy held by Matthew Ogburn
Carolyn Weems – proxy held by Cindy Free
Erika Dyer – proxy held by Daniel Johnson
Kishore Thota – proxy held by Thomas Turner
Nancy Dye – proxy held by Trixie Averil
Dewey McDonnell – proxy held by David Crissman
Jenn Weigle – proxy held by Connor Barth

The minutes of the meeting of December 11, 2018 were approved.

Chairman's Report

The Chair reported on his attendance at the RNC meeting, highlighting the RNC's new GROW program, and commented on the turmoil in the Virginia Democrat party. The Chair met with the new RNC regional political director and noted that the field staff will stay through 2020. The Chair stressed the importance of voter registration and announced a sustained VR program in Virginia in partnership with RNC and the Trump campaign.

John March delivered a detailed media report.

The Chair announced the SCC meeting dates for the remainder of 2019:

Saturday, June 22: Location TBD

Saturday, September 7: McGuireWoods, Richmond

Friday, December 6: The Homestead

The Chair addressed the Supreme Court appeal regarding Virginia redistricting.

Thomas Turner moved to reconvene in executive session for the purpose of discussing finances. Jeff Ryer requested that a strategy discussion be included in the executive session. The motion carried by voice vote; the Committee convened in executive session at 12:03pm.

A motion to reconvene in regular session was made and carried by voice. The Committee reconvened at 12:57pm.

Chris Marston moved to certify that the topics discussed in executive session were limited to financial matters and strategy; the motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

Jeff Ryer reported on the Virginia Senate Caucus, highlighting several important races. John Findlay reported on the Virginia House Caucus.

New Business

The Chair reported that SCC will vote on the method of nomination for 2020 State races at the June meeting, and will produce the Call for the 2020 convention at the September meeting.

The Chair introduced Josh Findlay, Trump Victory director for Virginia. Trump Victory will offer centralized organization and resources for RPV.

The Chair noted that the Delegate Selection Committee chaired by Sandy Liddy Bourne has several District vacancies, and suggested those positions be filled quickly.

Clara Belle Wheeler Resolution

Chris Marston introduced the following resolution:

Commending Dr. Clara Belle Wheeler

"Whereas in February 2015, Dr. Clara Belle Wheeler was appointed to the State Board of Elections upon the recommendation of the Republican Party of Virginia;

Whereas the Code of Virginia charges the State Board of Elections to "supervise and coordinate the work of the county and city electoral boards and of the registrars to obtain uniformity in their practices and proceedings and legality and purity in all elections";

Whereas Dr. Wheeler worked tirelessly to ensure legality and purity in elections, not only at meetings of the Board, but in her frequent contacts with electoral board members and registrars around Virginia, as well as her advocacy for improved election laws and agency operations with members of the General Assembly;

Whereas Dr. Wheeler insisted upon the highest standards in the maintenance of the registered voter list, the training of officers of election, and the implementation of critical election rules, including scrutiny to ensure that only citizens could register and vote, and the consistent enforcement of the photo ID requirement for voters; and

Whereas Dr. Wheeler led the Board in difficult, but necessary decisions, including the successful petition for the removal of local electoral board members for misfeasance in office, and the requirement that all localities use paper ballot voting systems; and

Whereas Dr. Wheeler's four-year term on the Board ended in February 2019: now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Republican Party of Virginia commends Dr. Clara Belle Wheeler for her outstanding service on the State Board of Elections; and, be it,

Further resolved, that the Secretary prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Wheeler as an expression of the Republican Party of Virginia's admiration for her work on behalf of fair, honest, and open elections."

The resolution was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Jill Cook announced the formation of the Suburban Advisory Council and solicited members from the SCC or other unit committee representatives.

National Committee Reports

Morton Blackwell addressed the Committee regarding the President's signing the Campus Free Speech executive order and other topics.

Cynthia Dunbar addressed the Committee.

Tenth District Report

Andrew Nicholson introduced the "GOP: On the Right Side of History" program put together by the 10th CD Committee.

Eleventh District Report

Melissa Beaudoin reported that they are targeting incumbent Democrat Delegate Kathy Tran.

VFRW

Mary Franklin reported on the 2019 VFRW Convention, which will be held April 27-28 at the Hilton Main in Norfolk.

YRFV

Thomas Turner reported that the National YR Convention will take place in Richmond, Virginia April 5-7. The State YR Convention will be held April 6.

CRFV

Courtney Britt reported that the CRFV leadership retreat will be April 5-7. National Convention will take place in Virginia in June or July.

Delegate Nick Freitas addressed the Committee regarding a coherent and cohesive message about pro-life and education issues and offered the resources of the Delegation.

Mike Thomas requested we exit the meeting ASAP, to provide time for staff to close the room.

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 2:01pm.

