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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FIRST CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICAN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
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Held at The Roma Ristorante Italiano
12134 King William Road Ste 101, King William, VA 23086
Saturday, June 18th, 2022, at 12:00 PM

ATTENDANCE (Y = Present, A = Absent, P = Present by Proxy):

Chair (Jeffrey Ryer)	[Y]	Secretary (Edgar Doleman)	[Y]
Treasurer (George Clark)	[Y]	Parliamentarian (Lynda Fairman)	[Y]
Counsel (Chris Woodfin)	[Y]	State Central C4 (Lauren Keiser)	[Y]
State Central C4 (Tara Carroll)	[Y]	State Central C4 (David Botkins)	[Y]
State Central R2 (Mark Daniel)	[Y]	State Central P4 (Joshua Mayes)	[Y]
YRFV – Young Republicans (Brady Hillis)	[Y]	VFRW (Ginny Carlson)	[Y]
CRFV - College Republicans (Joey Funal)	[Y]	CHESTERFIELD (Emily Weinstein)	[P]
ESSEX (Billy Healy)	[Y]	GLOUCESTER (Pat Dunnington)	[Y]
HANOVER (Brian Boykin rep)	[Y]	HENRICO (Brian Horn)	[Y]
JAMES CITY /WILLIAMSBURG (Tye Lageman)	[Y]	KING AND QUEEN (Bill Rilee)	[Y]
KING WILLIAM (Lindsay Robinson)	[Y]	LANCASTER (Steve Glessner)	[A]
MATHEWS (Sonny Fauver)	[Y]	MIDDLESEX (John Hooper)	[P]
NEW KENT Rep (Jake Westbrok)	[Y]	NORTHUMBERLAND (Marion Cockrell)	[Y]
POQUOSON (Colleen Holcomb)	[A]	RICHMOND (Debbie Harper)	[Y]
WESTMORELAND (M. Alan Aylor)	[Y]	YORK (Kitty Staskelunas)	[Y]

APPROVED PROXIES

CHESTERFIELD (Emmily Weinstein) proxy to Fay Williamson
MIDDLESEX (John Hooper) proxy to Gail Mitchell

GENERAL OPENING

Chairman Ryer called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm, followed by an invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance and a reading of the Republican Creed. Two proxies were submitted to the Proxy Committee and approved. The secretary called the roll. 24 voting members were present constituting a quorum and a 2/3rd majority.

GUESTS

The Chair introduced guests and new members.

REPORTS

Secretary. Copies of the minutes of the February 5th, 2022 regular meeting had been distributed with the call. Two corrections were noted and made. Joshua Mayes moved to approve the minutes as corrected and the motion was approved without dissent.

Congressman Wittman. The Chair introduced Congressman Rob Wittman who gave a campaign update. Congressman Wittman noted that we should not emphasize that “we’re better” but that “we have a plan” – for the economy, energy, the border, education, public safety, and defense. He noted there are 380,000 new voters in the 1st District. During a Q&A session, he noted he is working on the issue of treatment of the Jan. 6 prisoners

VFRW. Fay Williamson reported their convention will be held May 13-15 in Alexandria. A ‘Paint the Town Red’ affair is planned at the John Marshall Hotel \$60 a ticket and a pancake dinner fundraiser will be held Feb. 17, at \$8 a ticket (flyers passed out).

YRFV. Brady Hillis reported working at Mt. Vernon noted they have 2,000 members in 40 clubs. The Chair asked for the contact information for the clubs.

CRFV. Joey Funal reported election of an executive board with four new members and that once nominees in the 2nd and 7th Districts are identified, they will be getting very active.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Treasurer. George Clark reported the audit of accounts had good results – all balanced

NEW BUSINESS

Elections

Appointment of Teller Committee. The Chair appointed Tye Lageman and Bryan Boykin to constitute the Teller Committee.

Approval of Election Rules. The Chair noted the proposed elections rules were distributed with the call. The proposed rules were approved by voice vote without objection.

Election of 1st Vice Chair, 1st District. Pat Dunnington nominated Michael Schoelwer. There being no other nominations, Mr. Schoelwer was elected by acclaim.

Election of 2nd Vice Chair. Lindsay Robinson nominated Julie Coggsdale and Mark Daniel nominated Jack Westbrook. Ballots were distributed and collected by the Teller Committee which reported that Julie Coggsdale won.

Election of Secretary. David Botkins nominated Joey Funal and Marion Cockrell nominated Edgar Doleman. Ballots were distributed and collected by the Teller Committee which reported that Joey Funal won (to the great relief of Doleman).

Election of Treasurer. Kitty Staskelunas nominated George Clark. There were no other nominations and George was elected by acclaim.

Consideration of Proposed Amendments to 1st District Bylaws.

Amendment I (Article VIII – Meetings). This would delete language setting fixed meeting dates. A motion was made and seconded to approved. Without debate, the motion was approved 21 to 0.

Amendment II – (Article IX – Budget and Finance, Section B. Funding). This would eliminate fixed annual assessments on units. Discussion noted approval would increase the district committee's responsibility to raise money. After discussion the amendment was approved 19 to 0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Event costs. Pat Dunnington, Julie Coggsdale, George Clark, Bryan Horn and Lauren Keiser noted that dealing with RPV requirements for events resulted in \$150 costs in January and \$275 in February. A motion was made to authorize \$425 reimbursement for the meetings in January and February. Motion passed by acclaim.

Zoom account. George Clark requested permission to cancel the Zoom account. A motion was made and seconded to approve passed without dissent.

Meeting Calendar for 2022. The Chair recommended setting meetings at different locations in the district, suggesting 3rd Quarter in Northumberland on August 20 at 12:00 and 4th quarter in Chesterfield or Henrico on November 12.

UNIT REPORTS

York. Kitty Staskelunas noted that in July they will have a float in the Yorktown parade and a booth for registering voters.

Williamsburg/James City. Tye Lageman noted they held events for Rob Wittman on May 15th and on June 12 in James City, attended board of elections and board of supervisors meetings and are pushing to get a referendum to change the school board from appointed to elected positions. They will open an office in August.

Westmoreland. Alan Aylor noted their 'First Fridays' booth, that Jeff Sili is heading up the State Fair effort working with RPV. Dates are September 23 to October 2.

Richmond. Debbie Harper noted their planning for participation in two main activities, Warsaw fest and a gun show both in October.

Northumberland. Marion Cockrell noted they had David Spivak and the sheriff speak and understood there is no human trafficking in Virginia. October 14 will be their main fundraiser and oyster roast at Cowart Seafood. Their scholarship program awarded three \$1,000 and two \$500 scholarships and plan to add their annual quilt sale profits to the scholarships.

New Kent. Jake Westbrook noted New Kent is the fastest growing city in the state. Their activities include monitoring local government, welcoming and informing people, using technology to reach out and attending school board meetings.

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Middlesex. Gail Mitchell noted they are in the process of identifying goals; election integrity, identify local candidates, pressure representatives, get members to all board of supervisors, school board, have a presence in the annual Wings, Wheels and Sails show.

Matthews. Sonny Fauver noted they were 'taking back the county.' They have elected two to the board of supervisors and one to the school board. It is still Democrat 4:1 but now they have 'eyes inside.' They also now have five on other boards and commissions, attend all board meetings. They have an election integrity committee doing screenings of "2000 Mules" and are planning an event for September 15th.

King and Queen. Bill Rilee noted they meet every first Tuesday of the month. Sen. Richard Stuart came to their last meeting.

Henrico. Bryan Horn noted their committee had just reconstituted and have a new team. They are hosting a breakfast for Rob Wittman in July.

Hanover. Bryan Boykin noted they have a new chair, Jack Dyer. They'll be having their Reagan Day dinner October 15th, they are scheduling a showing of "2000 Mules" and are setting up an election integrity committee.

Gloucester. Pat Dunnington noted they have new members and are training to learn their precincts, local elective positions, the election boards and are opening an office to focus on voter turnout. They flipped the school board in September.

Essex. Billy Healey noted they meet the 4th Tuesday monthly, but attendance has been down. They work the farmers' markets on the 3rd Saturdays and one Jul 7th will do the old timers game vs. Richmond (Rob Wittman plays). Their new school board is Republican.

Chesterfield. Fay Williamson noted they had a very successful Reagan Day dinner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joshua Mayes noted he will run for the national chair of Young Republicans.

Joey Funal noted he desires to be as involved and informed as possible. .

ADJOURNMENT

Jeff Ryer asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made and without objection, the meeting adjourned at 2:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Edgar Doleman, Secretary