

Mathews County Republican Committee Meeting Minutes

Mathews County, VA Historic Courthouse

Regular Business Meeting

August 12, 2024

- Chair Donald Morgan called the meeting to order at 19:00.
- Chaplain Doug Sweet provided an invocation.
- The Committee recited The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
- Treasurer Richard Hicks read the Republican Creed.
- Treasurer Richard Hicks called roll and a quorum was met.
- Guests and visitors were introduced:
 - Libby Cohen
 - Amy Bohannon-Stewart
 - Sahara Rauch
 - Senator Ryan McDougle
- Guest speaker, Senator Ryan McDougle, reported legislative state of the state information, legislative session, and promoted federal-level election strategy information. Bobby Dobson asked Senator McDougle about lottery funds and Mcdougle Local Composite Index (LCI) and their application to school divisions. Senator McDougle addressed questions about use of paper ballots, voting by illegal aliens, and Hung Cao, candidate for Senate.
- Sonny Fauver moved we approve last month's minutes, Byron Rauch seconded, and motion carried.
- Treasurer Hicks provided a financial report and offered the documentation for any member wishing to examine it. The bank balance is \$3,103.00 subject to the following: \$562.00 earmarked for the middle school beautification project. Adjusted bank balance is \$2,541. Bank statement was passed among the members for review.
- **Unfinished Business**
 - "Pork and Politics" joint fundraiser on 8/17/24 with Middlesex and Gloucester County Republican committees.
 - Jean Howard gave an update on the progress of the event planning. Requested members' assistance on 8/15/24 to make centerpieces and more. Chairman Morgan thanked Jean Howard for all of her hard work on this event. Concealed Carry expectation to be determined and communicated to members.

• Sub-Committee Reports

- Market Days: Discussed possible booth location and members to work the event. Details to be determined.
- Election Integrity – Catherine Zich (Officer of Elections) provided process details, cleaning of voter rolls, and requested volunteers to work on Election Day.
- Community Outreach
 - Jean Howard requested volunteers for THMS classroom painting project to take place on 8/13/23.
 - Mari Gibbs discussed community projects of weeding at THMS and community road cleanup. Saturday dates for both TBD.
 - Jean Howard discussed working with Young Republicans (ages 18-40) and Trump Force 47 effort.
 - Sharon Frye asked everyone to remember to bring food donations. All food donations are very appreciated and really needed. Ms. Frye, along with Sandy Warhol, discussed reinforcing Constitution Day awareness by giving pocket Constitutions, pending Superintendent approval, to high school and middle school students. Members suggested contacting RPV for materials as a possible donation.
- Media – Report incorporated into Community Outreach updates, per Jean Howard and Chairman.

• New Business

- Mari Gibbs motioned to maintain MCRC regular business meetings on the second Monday of the month with a start time of 6:30 pm beginning in September, 2024. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Richard Hicks and discussion ensued. Availability of Courthouse was confirmed. The motion passed unanimously. Next meeting will be September 9, 2024, beginning at 6:30 pm.
- Davey Jones discussed county taxes and his determination not to raise them.
- Chairman Morgan to bring candidate signs for members.
- George Machen motioned to reinstate provision of reports from elected officials of School Board and Board of Supervisors. Byron Rauch seconded the motion. Brief discussion was held. Sonny Fauver recommended Chairman Morgan set specific time limit for reports and that speakers should present accurately and briefly. Chairman stated he would select one person from each Board to report at each meeting. Mike Walls suggested 10-minute limit on each speaker, which would include members asking questions. Motion carried unanimously.

- Sonny Fauver moved to accept next MCRC meeting date of September 9, 2024 at 6:30 pm. Byron Rauch seconded. Discussion ensued. Tardy members to be counted as present. Motion passed unanimously.
- Sonny Fauver moved the meeting be adjourned following the closing prayer. Motion seconded by Byron Rauch. Motion carried unanimously.
- Chaplain Doug Sweet led a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 20:27.

Respectfully submitted by, Mari Gibbs