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MEETING OF
THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICAN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
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Held at the Timbers Restaurant, 8026 Prosperity Way, Ruther Glen, VA 22546
June 19th, 2021 at 11:00 AM

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

Chair (Russ Wright)	[Y]	Secretary (Edgar Doleman)	[Y]
Treasurer/State Central C4 (Heather Stefl)	[A]	State Central C4 (Adela Bertoldi)	[Y]
FAUQUIER/State Central P4 (David Willis)	[Y]	State Central R2 (Mark Daniel)	[Y]
2 ND Vice Chair/State Central C4 (Willie Deutch)	[Y]	VFYR (Joshua Mayes)	[Y]
VFRW (vacant)	[A]	College Republicans (John Dyson)	[Y]
CAROLINE (Jeff Sili)	[Y]	ESSEX (Billy Healy)	[A]
FAUQUIER (Joanne Smoot- rep.)	[Y]	FREDERICKSBURG (Rachel Whitman)	[Y]
GLOUCESTER (Ashley Chriscoe)	[P]	HANOVER (Dale Alderman)	[P]
JAMES CITY /WILLIAMSBURG (Dot Matthews)	[P]	KING AND QUEEN (Bill Rilee)	[A]
KING GEORGE (Ron McElrath)	[P]	KING WILLIAM (John Hubbard)	[P]
LANCASTER/1 st Vice Chair (Michael Schoelwer)	[Y]	MATHEWS (Byron Rauch)	[Y]
MIDDLESEX (Lynda Muller)	[Y]	NEW KENT (JB Benson)	[Y]
NORTHUMBERLAND (Marion Cockrell)	[Y]	PRINCE WILLIAM (Bill Card - rep.)	[Y]
RICHMOND (Debbie Harper)	[A]	SPOTSYLVANIA (Scott Phelps - Rep.)	[Y]
STAFFORD (Tony DeTora)	[Y]	WESTMORELAND (M. Alan Aylor)	[Y]

APPROVED PROXIES

GLOUCESTER (Ashley Chriscoe) proxy to Pat Dunnington
HANOVER (Dale Alderman) proxy to Dale Taylor
KING WILLIAM (John Hubbard) proxy to John R. Breeden
JAMES CITY /WILLIAMSBURG (Dot Matthews) proxy to Barbara Nall

GENERAL OPENING:

Chairman Wright opened the meeting at 10:04am. Mark Daniel gave an invocation. Alan Aylor led the Pledge of Allegiance and Bill Card read the Republican Creed. Adela Bertoldi was appointed to chair a proxy committee. Four valid proxies were submitted. The Secretary called the roll. 24 voting members attending constituted a quorum.

GUESTS

Delegate Margaret Ransone. Chairman Wright introduced Delegate Margaret Ransone. Delegate Ransone gave a presentation on the importance of voter registration efforts. She noted that in the 99th District, only 50,000 out of 80,000 voting age citizens are registered and in the last election, only 17,000 came out to vote for her.

Del. Ransone urged members to Google the Virginia State Board of Elections and then; go to the Registration Tab, then Registration Drive Training. This brings up three options. The easiest is online training. Take the training and request up to 200 registration forms.

Youngkin Campaign Representatives. Chairman Wright introduced David Warren (443-538-8284, davidw@youngkingfor-governor.com) and Anna Chapman. They noted that David is the contact for campaign events and locations and yard signs. Youngkin will need a Republican General Assembly, noting that the GOP governor of Maryland is stymied by his Democrat controlled legislature. A lot of people are angry over 2020 & we need to bring them back. Virginia is also vital nationally. We need to fill every precinct with people.

Chairman Wright introduced Joshua Mayes, new College Republicans of Virginia.

The minutes of the meeting of March 20th, 2021 and April 7th, 2021 were reviewed. Willie Deutch moved to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Alan Aylor. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

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REPORTS

Treasurer. Heather Stefl gave the Treasurer's report for the period 3/19/21 to 6/18/21 by phone. In the Federal Account, the opening balance was \$6,509.77 and the closing balance was \$6,273.68. Receipts were a \$200 donation for the convention (net after online transaction fee of \$183.90). Disbursements were \$236.09 to renew annual Zoom license, and \$183.90 transferred to the State Account. The mid-year FEC report will be due 7/31/21.

In the State Account, the opening balance was \$12,134.66 and the closing balance was \$12,226.56. Receipts included dues from Westmoreland, Essex, Richmond County, an RPV check for expenses and donation transfer from the Federal Account of \$2,113.90. Disbursements included \$742 for Image360 State signs, Caroline County Sheriff for \$1,280. The 2nd Quarter report will be due 7/15/21.

State Central Committee. Willie Deutch a great job on managing the 1st District convention voting as the most transparent ever – a great example for the state.

Chairman's Report. Chairman Wright reported on election integrity efforts, that Tony DeTora had completed an audit of the 1st Congressional District Republican Committee Books. The audit revealed that income and expenses and financial documents for both accounts (State and Federal) were consistent and in balance. The audit report included recommendations to improve managing accounts and spending decisions. Copies of the report were distributed. The Chair noted that the SCC Executive Committee met June 6th on the election and noted volunteer muster at Liberty University for get out the vote training.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Quadrennial State Central member to fill remainder of term and election of Treasurer to fill out remainder of the term

Copies of the proposed election rules for the meeting were distributed with the call. Joshua Mayes moved to accept the suggested rules, seconded by Willie Deutch. Without objection, the election rules were accepted. Marion Cockrell and Tony DeTora were appointed tellers.

Election for the Quadrennial State Central Committee position. Adela Bertoldi nominated Mike Schoelwer. Joshua Mayes nominated Lauren Keiser. Mr. Schoelwer and Ms. Keiser both spoke. A roll call vote was taken resulting in the election of Lauren Kaiser.

The vote for treasurer was cancelled. As the treasurer position is non-voting it has no in-district residency requirement and Heather Stefl is willing to serve the remainder of her term remotely.

JB Benson suggested collecting & sharing ideas from the committees. He conducted a human resources inventory and noted New Kent had 4.4 members per 1,000 population. He suggested (moved) to conduct an inventory of all units using a form., seconded by Lynda Muller.

Jeff Sili noted that care must be taken with data, that once collected, it can go places no one expects; for example, when a person leaves a position, the data can go with them. He suggested using voter data is probably best and opposed the motion. He also noted that demographics in Caroline were changing rapidly.

Alan Aylor, moved to amend the motion, seconded by Jeff Sili, that unit chairs get and keep the data to be used by the chairs only.

Tony DeTora noted that a motion is not needed to ask for information. The motions were withdrawn.

UNIT REPORTS

Gloucester. Ashley Chriscoe reported they had made office space available for campaigns to use.

Caroline. Jeff Sili noted they will have an outdoor booth at the State Fair and will need volunteers to work and will need delegate signs for all the candidates. The dates are September 24th to October 3rd.

Northumberland. Marion Cockrell noted plans for a rally "Red Right Return" for October 2nd for all candidates. Adela Bertoldo volunteered to create a chart of events and fairs to send out.

King George. Rom McElrath noted his unit has space at the local Farmers Market weekly plu the October 9 King George Fall Festival.

Middlesex. Lynda Muller noted the "Wind, Wheels, and Keels" event on September 25th.

VFYR. Joshua Mayes noted the Middle Peninsula Young Republicans will be meeting soon.

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ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wright indicated that if there was not further business or comment that he would entertain a motion to adjourn. Willie Deutch made the motion to adjourn and without objection the , seconded by Pat Dunnington. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 12:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Edgar Doleman, Secretary