**Franklin County Republican Party**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

**February 8, 2024**

Chairman Ed Strickland called the meeting to order. There were 48 members and candidates in attendance. A light meal of hotdogs, chips, potato salad, donuts, cookies, and soft drinks was provided by party members.

Reverend Harry Upchurch gave the invocation, and First Vice-Chairman Howard Lasher led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Opie Pearce gave a bullet point version of the January 11th meeting minutes. The motion was made to accept the minutes as read and carried.

Treasurer Sidney Reynolds gave the Secretary’s report. We have a balance of $3,416.80 in our operations account and $66.93 in our Petty Cash account. A motion was made to accept the treasurer’s report as read, and the motion was carried.

Web Master John Edwards reported that on January 11th, we had 206,705. As of this meeting, we have had 207,350 website visits. This was an increase of 645 visits to our website. John will put all candidate’s information on our website.

**Elected Officials:**

County Commissioner Roxanne Bragg was present at the meeting. Commissioner Bragg reported lots is going on.

**Candidates:**

Roscoe Bottoms - District 3

Chris Baker – 13th Congressional District

Devan Barbour – 13th Congressional District

David Dickson – 13th Congressional District

Saddhanth Sharma – 13th Congressional District

Fred Von Canon – 13th Congressional District

Steve A. Von Loor – 13th Congressional District

 Kenny Xu – 13th Congressional District

John Hardister – NC Commissioner of Labor

**General Business:**

Chairman Strickland announced we are putting together a list of poll observers. Training is available.

Parry announced he needs help “Knocking on Doors” to get out the vote.

Gadi Adelman, Chairman of “Back The Blue, NC” spoke briefly about his recent trip to Isreal. Gadi said things are terrible over there, and they need most supplies. Money donations will help them immensely.

Reverend Harry Upchurch announced he has books: American Exceptionalism”. It is about how government works, why events happen, and what works for America.

**Chairman’s Comments:**

Chairman Strickland reminded everyone that early voting runs from February 15 thru March 2nd and Election Day will be on March 5. Early voting locations are:

Bunn – Sheriff’s Substation

Franklinton – Lions Club

Louisburg – Franklin Plaza

Youngsville – Public Library

Chairman Strickland reminded everyone of the Franklin County GOP Convention on Saturday, March 16th. Melissa Cogliotti of Hudson Manner House will be hosting the convention. Registration will be at 2:30, Precinct Meetings at 3:00, and Convention at 4:00. (NOTE: The convention will replace our regular monthly meeting for March.)

Candidates needing signs to be put out are to get with Chairman Strickland. He will get someone to help. They will need 18 signs per candidate.

Chairman Strickland announced the District Convention would be held on April 13th, with a place to be determined. Ed announced the State Convention will be held May 3rd through 6th in Greensboro.

Our next regular meeting will be held on April 11th at the Youngsville Community Center, Youngsville.

Respectfully Submitted,

Opie Pearce, Secretary