**Franklin County Republican Party**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

**January 11, 2024**

Chairman Ed Strickland called the meeting to order. There were 35 members in attendance. A light meal of hotdogs, chips, cream puffs, salads, cookies and soft drinks was provided by members of the party.

Reverend Harry Upchurch gave the invocation and Harry Barrick lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary, Opie Pearce gave a bullet point version of the December 7th Christmas Dinner meeting minutes. Motion was made to accept as read, motion carried.

Treasurer Sidney Reynolds was not at the meeting. Secretary, Opie Pearce gave the Secretary’s report. We have a balance of $3,402.80 in our operations account and $66.93 in our Petty Cash account. Motion was made to accept the treasurer’s report as read, motion carried.

Web Master, John Edwards reported that on November 9th we had 205,340 website visits. This month as of January 11th we had 206,705 website visits. This was an increase of 1,365 visits on our website.

**Elected Officials:**

County Commissioner Roxanne Bragg was present at the meeting. She announced the new Commissioner Chairman was now Harry Foy and she was the new Commissioner Vice-Chairman. She had no further comments at this time.

Reverend Harry Upchurch spoke on behalf of Sheriff Kevin White. He reported he was about 16-17 employees short. He is conducting a two-year Chaplain Program. Their first Prayer Breakfast will be in January and is extended to county churches.

**Candidates:**

David Branson, husband to Brandi Branson seeking re-election as Register of Deeds spoke briefly on her campaign.

Sadam Sharma, candidate for NC Congress Dist. 13 spoke on his campaign.

Fred VonCanon for NC Congress Dict. 13 spoke on his campaign.

Cole \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ spoke briefly for Devan Barbour, candidate for NC Congress Dist. 13.

**General Business:**

Rose Holmes reported on the Republican Ladies Club: Rose handed out some copies for review of a Precinct Organizational Handbook. She is doing an XL spread sheet with lots of information. They need poll workers and provided a sign-up sheet to encourage volunteers to sign up. Their next meeting will be the Youngsville Precinct Training meeting on Tuesday January 16th at 7:00 pm at 1153 Smith Creek Way, Wake Forest (Clubhouse Preserve at Smith Creek Community Center). The Republican Ladies Club will do Prayer Walks the first of each month. All are welcome. Another meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2024. Jim Barrett will be teaching on Roberts Rules of Order. The location will be announced.

**Chairman’s Comments:**

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

Chairman Strickland announced the Franklin County GOP Convention will be held 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, then convention at 4:00 and be out by 5:00/5:30.

Chairman Strickland will email the Precinct Organizational Handbook to all executive committee members for approval.

Chairman Strickland reiterated early voting will run from October 19th thru October 24th

Our next meeting will be February 8th at the Youngsville Community Center at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Opie Pearce, Secretary