**Franklin County Republican Party**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

**October 12, 2023**

Chairman Ed Strickland called the meeting to order. There were 21 members in attendance. A light meal of hotdogs, chips, cream puffs, pasta salad and soft drinks was provided by members of the party.

Reverend Harry Upchurch gave the invocation and 1st Vice Chair Howard Lasher lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary, Opie Pearce gave an abbreviated version of the September 14th minutes. Motion was made to accept as read, motion carried.

Treasurer Sidney Reynolds gave the Secretary’s report. We have a balance of $3718.48 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 September 14th we had 203,970 visits to our website. sits. This month as of October 12th we had 204,450 website visits. This was an increase of 480 hits on our website.

**Elected Officials:**

No elected officials were present.

**Candidates:**

No candidates were present.

**General Business:**

Chairman Strickland spoke on behalf of the Republican Ladies Club. He reported on September 15th they had a good turnout at “Friday Night on the Tar” and gave out lots of literature. Rose Holmes had her elephant cut out, ”Sir Franklin” on display and Melissa Cogliotti’s popcorn machine was a hit. Sandy Smith was there also. Their September 26th meeting discussing Convention of State was very interesting. On Tuesday, October 24th at 7:00 they will host a “Meet Your Candidates” meeting. On October 28th they will have a booth at the Louisburg Fall Festival. On November 6th they will do a “Prayer Walk” in down Louisburg. It will start at headquarters at 5:30 pm. They will not have a meeting in November but will celebrate Christmas at the December GOP Meeting.

**Chairman’s Comments:**

Chairman Strickland announced Municipal Elections start November 7th, 2023. Early Voting will run from October 19th to the 24th. Chairman Strickland said they need more judges and observers. Let Ed know if you would like to work the polls. He will send an email for training to help people.

Chairman Strickland announced the 1st Cong. Dist convention will be October 28th at 7:00 pm. The location is to be announced.

Chairman Strickland is in the process of looking into a place to hold our GOP Christmas Party in December. He will update us when he has found a place.

Our next meeting will be November 9th at the Youngsville Community Center at 7:00 pm. January, 2023’s meeting will be held at George’s Gun Shop in Louisburg.

Respectfully Submitted,

Opie Pearce, Secretary