**Franklin County Republican Party**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

**November 10, 2022**

Chairman Ed Strickland called the meeting to order. There were 22 members in attendance. A light meal of hotdogs, chips, cookies, cake and soft drinks was provided by members of the party.

Harry Upchurch gave the invocation and Chairman Strickland led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary, Opie Pearce read the minutes from the October 13th meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read, motion carried.

Treasurer Sidney Reynolds gave the Secretary’s report. We have a balance of $1557.48 in our operations account. A motion was made to accept the secretary’s report as read, motion carried.

Web Master, John Edwards reported we went from 195,605 to 199,310 visits and 375 page visits on our website. This was the largest total since 2019.

Mr & Mrs Reynolds were not at the meeting to report on the District 1 Conference. There is one more meeting and they should have a report at our next Executive meeting.

Rose Holmes reported on the Franklin County GOP Lady’s group. There were 3 at the first meeting and 12 at the second. They have 65 members on their FB Page. Rose announced they will have the welcome packet at the next executive meeting. They meet at Youngsville Baptist Church every 2nd Tuesday of each month. They had a real good time. If anyone knows of upcoming events, please let Rose know so the group can plan to set up at these events to get their literature out. Their next meeting will be December 13th at 7:00.

Chairman Strickland thanked everyone that helped at the polls.

Harry Barrick, BOE Representative, reported canvasing will be on Monday, November 14th. Harry thanked everybody that helped at the polls. He reported they will still need help for upcoming elections. He would like to get voter ID on board. Harry said they had a few glitches but they were prepared to fix them. A couple of machines got switched but they got it straightened out.

Chairman Strickland announced the Secretary, Opie Pearce is “passing the griddle”. Due to health issues she is physically unable to continue handling the hotdog cooking. Anyone willing to take over for Opie should let Ed know.

Chairman Strickland announced our December Christmas Party can be held on December 8th at 7:00 pm at the Youngsville Community Center. A member suggested having it at Strickland Farms venue. Chairman Ed will check in to it and will let everyone know which place we will have it. Secretary Opie Pearce will handle lining up the food for the party.

The resolution on the “Parents Bill of Rights” is still pending a decision. This resolution would go to State House Representative Matthew Winslow and State Senator Lisa Stone Barnes at the General Assembly. Things are still up in the air but something will need to be done about this. (This Bill is HB755 Version #5)

**Candidates:**

Kevin White, our new Franklin County Sheriff thanked everyone for their support all throughout his campaign and for their votes. He is looking forward to getting set up and starting anew as Franklin County Sheriff.

Roxanne Bragg, our new Franklin County Commissioner also thanked everyone for their support all throughout her campaign and for everyone’s votes. Roxanne said it has been quite an experience.

**Elected Officials:**

Commissioner Michael Schriver was at the meeting and said he was so glad to be here as he has missed being here for a long time. Commissioner Schriver congratulated Sheriff White and Commissioner Bragg. Michael welcomed Roxanne to the Board of Commissioners. He was very excited to announce we now have a super majority on the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Schriver said he is looking for a 6/1 ration in 2024.

**Other Business:**

Harry Upchurch announced he has free literature from his church for anyone to take.

Our Next meeting will be the December 8th Christmas Party at 7:00 pm. The location will be announced.

Being no further committee business, Harry Upchurch motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Opie Pearce, Secretary