**Franklin County Republican Party**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

**April 11, 2024**

Chairman Ed Strickland called the meeting to order. There were 42 members and guests in attendance. A light meal of hotdogs, chips, potato salad, chicken salad pasta salads, cream puffs, 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 an abbreviated version of the March 16th Convention minutes. Motion was made to accept the minutes as read, motion carried.

Treasurer Sidney Reynolds gave the Secretary’s report. We have a balance of $3,186.80 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 February 8th we had 207,350. As of this meeting we have had 209,535 website visits. This was an increase of 2,185 visits on our website. John will have all information on the District 13 Convention and State Convention on our website.

**Elected Officials:**

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

**Candidates:**

Michelle Woodhouse spoke on behalf of the Brad Knott for Congress 13 campaign. A Primary run-off is coming up on May 15 against Kelly Daughtry and he needs everyone’s support.

**General Business:**

Harry Barrick, our Board of Elections Representative said they need more poll workers.

Reverend Harry Upchurch read two Resolutions to be considered. “Resolution against calling an Article V Convention” and “Property Re-evaulation Resolution”. These will be discussed at our next meeting on May 9th.

**Chairman’s Comments:**

Chairman Strickland reminded everyone that early voting runs from April 25th thru May 11nd  and Election Day will be on May 15. Early voting locations are - Louisburg – Franklin Plaza 8-5

and Youngsville – Public Library 8-7:30

Chairman Strickland also announced:

 The District Convention will be held April 13th in Sanford, NC at The Lee County

 Republican Party Headquarters at 10:00 am (Doors Open at 9:00).

 The State Convention will be held May 23rd thru 26th in Greensboro at the Koury Convention

 Center.

 A Co-Chairman Boot Camp will be held by Zoom on May 4th, 10:00 to 12:00 pm.

 The Franklin County Patriot’s Appreciation Night on April 16th. They will also be in Luddy

 Park to hand out literature on April 20.

 Russell Bottoms is having a Steak Night fundraiser April 27th at Hudson Manor. A Meet and

 Greet will be 5:00 to 6:00 and Dinner 6:00 to 8:00. Singles are $75 and Couple are $125.

 A Freedom Ranch Event will be May 18th 3:00 to 5:00 on Rocky Ford Road for “Rescue

 Farm Animals”.

 There will be a Bud Light Fest to benefit Children’s Cancer on June 1st from 12:00 to 5:00

 for Duke Children’s Hospital.

Our next regular meeting will be held May 9th at the Youngsville Community Center at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Opie Pearce, Secretary