**Franklin County Republican Party**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

**January 12, 2023**

Chairman Ed Strickland called the meeting to order. There were 30 members in attendance. A light meal of hotdogs, chips, pasta salad, cream puffs and soft drinks was provided by members of the party.

Secretary Opie Pearce gave the invocation and Colonel Wyatt McGee led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary, Opie Pearce read the minutes from the December 8th Christmas party 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 $854.48 in our operations account. A motion was made to accept the secretary’s report as read, motion carried.

Web Master, John Edwards reported we reached a milestone of 200,000 website visits on December 7th. We have gone from 200,030 to 200,545 visits as of this meeting. This was an increase of 515 page visits on our website this month. John reported we have 324 people on our FB page.

Ginger Pugh and Rose Holmes reported on the Franklin County GOP Ladies. They now have 104 members on their FB Page. A welcome packet has been put together and available to give out. It includes pertinent information on Franklin County and personnel. They have now increased to two booths with red tablecloths and flags and will be going to upcoming events. They are looking for any information and material anyone can give them to use. Their next meeting will be January 24th at 7:00 pm at the Hudson Manor House.

Harry Barrick, BOE Representative, reported the BOE is preparing the budget to present to the county. They had a discrepancy of only 1 vote difference on their audit. Harry reported the BOE is looking for a larger voting site in Youngsville that is large enough to accommodate all voters. If anyone has information to help with this please let Harry Barrick or Chairman Strickland know. Commissioner Roxanne Bragg emphatically emphasized we need more republican workers at the polls. It was also suggested poll workers be given a raise for incentive.

**Elected Officials:**

Rev. Harry Upchurch spoke on behalf of Sheriff White. Harry reported Sheriff White is very busy right now as is short staffed. He is reviewing applications for the vacancies. He has good applications to look at. Sheriff White is doing some restructuring of employees and doing most hires from inside. He sends his thanks for everyone’s support.

Commissioner Roxanne Bragg reported she has been doing commissioner training. She will be getting her commissioner phone and tablet next week. She also thanked everyone for their support.

**Other Business:**

Chairman Strickland announced our County Convention will be held Saturday, March 18, 2023 in the new commissioner’s meeting room. Registration will be 5:30 to 6:45; Precinct Mtgs will be 6:00 to 6:45; and Convention 7:00 to 8:30. Party officers will be elected this year.

Chairman Strickland announced the 1st District Convention will be January 21st at 11:30 am in Rocky Mount. The General Assembly will be redistricting areas maybe by May or June.

The GOP Convention will be held in Greensboro in June, 2023.

Granville County is holding a zoom meeting on Tuesday January 17th at 7:30 as a Meet and Greet for Hermeet Dhillon for RNC Chairwoman.

Pierre Giani announced he may be writing some letters to go to our Senators and Representatives in Washington. These letters will be identifying problems and will carry multiple signatures. Digital currency and how to spend our own money is one of the problems. This needs to be stopped! These letters should be available at our next meeting in February. The “Epic Times” carrying information on digital currency is available for new members at $10.00 a month. It was suggested we read “The Creature from Jekyll Island” by E.B. Webb and to also look into Carrie Lake on the “Stolen Election”. Pierre encouraged all to call our Washington people:

 Thom Tillis: Ph # 202-624-6342

 Ted Budd: Ph # 202-225-4531

 Donald Davis, 1st District: Ph # 202-225-3101

Chairman Strickland said he will be in touch with Matthew Winslow about these issues and about the Parents Bill of Rights-Board of Education.

Chairman Strickland announced John Hardiston with the NC Department of Labor will be coming to our February meeting or Convention in March.

Harry Upchurch announced he has literature from his church for anyone to take. He has copies of “Evening Devotions” for free by Master Book.

Our Next meeting will be the February 9th at 7:00 pm at the Youngsville Community Center.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Opie Pearce, Secretary