

Rutherford County Republican Party

Executive Committee Minutes

October 24, 2019

Committee Members and others in attendance: Larry King, James Light, Mary Light, George Ronan, Tony Helton, Baylee Short, Mark Johnson, Peggy Campbell, Mchayleigh Virton, Emily Cooper, Julius Owens, Connie Chapman, Ron Chapman, Gabrielle Valentine, M Field, Eric Field, James Reidy, Amy Jenkins, Rick Ficklin, Tracy Short, Susie Henson, Rachel Thomas, Patrick Duncan, Julie Scutti, Tracy Teague, Jim Bishop, Joyce Russell, David Rogers, Mike Hager, Helen Murray, Sue Breedon, Sandra Norris, Jean Smith, Bryson Smith, Ted Bell, Misty Rogers, Kim King.

Chairman Dick McCallum called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

Motion by Keith Hunter to amend the agenda to move New Business before Old Business. There is an issue the Executive Committee must consider concerning replacement of a Board of Education member. This change to the agenda was to allow a couple of Committee members who have other items on their calendar this evening to participate. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Sept 2019 Session Minutes

Treasurer's Report given by Joyce Russell

The Executive Committee was charged with selecting a replacement for Mr. Barry Gold who recently resigned from the Board of Education. The Campaign Committee interviewed 3 potential candidates and contacted several others who declined to be considered. The Campaign Committee nominated Mr. Mike Hager to fill the remainder of Mr. Gold's term. After some discussion, Chairman McCallum called for a vote by secret ballot. The recommendation of the Campaign Committee was approved by a vote of 18 yes, 7 no, and one abstention.

Chairmans' Comments:

Chairman McCallum indicated Bud Byers will shortly report on a new wave of Democrat and UNA voters changing their registration to Republican. Mr. McCallum does not believe that this movement of voters is not being captured in Presidential preference polling. Pollsters do not just call a sample of people then report the results of the sample. Most of them then analyze the sample and try to compare the result to turnout models of some previous election. In most cases, they believe they are under sampling Democrats so they arbitrarily increase the

weighting of Democrats in the sample. This type of action is what led pollsters in the 2016 election to miss the final outcome.

Registration Update: Bud Byers stated that 116 new republicans were registered in the past 20 days.

Office Rent Report: Mark Johnson indicated that \$2,000 was collected in Oct from Keith Hunter Jr. with a 2019 balance of 5,645.00.

Vets Pantry: Keith Hunter Jr mentioned to donate canned meats and if you don't have time to shop, leave money at the desk and it will be purchased.

Young Republicans: Baylee Short reported that she is active at East promoting the GOP. When she requested to set up a voter registration location, the school indicated it would have to be non-partisan.

2020 Election Update: Tony Helton is still looking for school board candidates

Gun Raffle: Keith Hunter Jr reported a total for the raffle was \$2,200.

Law Enforcement Breakfast: Joyce Russell reported that over 100 officers, judges, etc. were served breakfast. The local paper had a front page picture of the event.

New Business:

Joyce Russell said there will be a Veterans Breakfast scheduled in November.

Candy is needed for the Halloween Candy give-a-way.

Elected Officials Comments

David Rogers, Chris Frances, Bryan King, Rick Fricklin, Ted Bell, Mike Hager, Brandon Gosey,

Next Meeting November 21, 2019

Closing Prayer: Chris Frances

Mark Johnson – Secretary

Addenda: Agenda, Treasurer's Report