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THE 5th DISTRICT REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

December 7, 2014

The 5th District Committee held a meeting on Sunday, December 7, 2014, at the Concord Community Center in Concord, Virginia. The meeting was called to order at 3:00PM by Chairman Jon Berkley.

The Rev. Carl Weiser gave the invocation. Gene Smith lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike Hankins read the Virginia Republican Creed.

Chairman Berkley appointed Susan Oliver as Parliamentarian. He then appointed the following to committees:

Proxy Committee: Wally Hudson, Pat Barksdale, W.C. Fowlkes
Rules Committee: Cindi Burkett, Mike Hankins, Mack McClure
Nominations Committee: Korey Snead, Peggy Armentrout, Daniel
Bradshaw

Chairman Berkley appointed Will Rogers and Angela Deavers to be Sgt. at Arms.

The Chairman asked the Secretary to call the roll and also asked that all proxies answer “here by proxy” and then give proxy to the Secretary. There were 26 in attendance and 8 proxies. Total of 34.

The Proxy Committee was then asked to meet and review proxies for their report when called upon.

While the Proxy Committee met, Chairman Berkley asked that all guest stand and introduce themselves.

During this time, Chairman Berkley spoke on the coverage of precincts in the different areas of the 5th District on election day and commended those with good coverage.

The Proxy Committee reported that Peyton Knight's proxy was not accepted because he is not a member of the Greene County Committee. A motion to approve the Proxy Committee's report was made by Lynn Tucker and Korey Snead seconded. Diana Shores called for Point of Order. Chairman Berkley asked for rule number to be cited several times and after repeated warnings to sit down, she would not follow instructions and was escorted out of the meeting. After call for vote, the motion was approved.

In the Treasurer's absence, Josh Puccio was asked to report the State Balance of \$12,996.15 and the Federal Balance of \$569.21. A motion to accept the report as given was made by Daniel Bradshaw and seconded by Lynn Tucker. Motion passed.

The minutes from the September 2014 meeting were distributed to all members with additional copies available. A motion was made to accept minutes by Will Rogers and Ed Yensho seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman Berkley had a copy of the rules given to members and proxies for review. He then asked the Rules Committee for a report. A motion to accept the report was made Mike Hankins and Bill Harvill seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed.

Old Business

Before any discussion under Old Business, Chairman Berkley gave a brief explanation of the SCC voting to overturn the elections in Fauquier and Campbell Units. As a result, two law suits were filed concerning the SCC vote. According to the State Party Plan, the 5th District Committee has the responsibility to determine if those two committees are determined to be functioning properly.

Chairman Berkley stated that members from both of the committees had been interviewed, and as a result, a report for each of the committees was read. Bill Harvill read the report on Fauquier (copy provided by Secretary if needed), and it was determined that this county was functioning as a viable committee according to State Party Plan. Since no motion was made, the floor was not opened for discussion. Tom Warren read the report on the Campbell County unit. The report (copy provided by Secretary if needed) showed that Campbell had failed to function as a viable unit according to the

State Party Plan. Wally Hudson made a motion to find Campbell County not functioning as a viable committee and Lynn Tucker seconded.

Before the floor was opened for discussion and before voting, Chairman Berkley gave Les Williams time to speak on behalf of himself. Rev. Carl Weiser was also allowed to speak on behalf of himself as the potential Chair if the committee voted to appoint a new committee in Campbell.

After discussion was closed, there was a call for vote on the motion. The Secretary called the roll for all to receive their ballots. Susan Oliver and Pat Barksdale were appointed tellers for the voting. There were 17 (yes) for a new committee and 15 (no) against new committee. Rev. Carl Weiser was appointed new Chair of Campbell County Unit. Motion passed.

There was a suggestion from the Chairman to form an Oversight Committee and Korey Snead was asked to chair this committee. The purpose of the committee was to observe and report back to the 5th District Chairman as to the progress of the committee. Members on the committee will include Mike Hankins, Clara Belle Wheeler, Brian Hamilton, and Will Rogers. A motion was made by Daniel Bradshaw to form this committee and seconded by Wally Hudson. Motion passed.

Korey Snead read rules for the mandate of observation for Campbell County. (Copy of rules provided by request). A motion to accept these rules was made by Will Rogers and Cindi Burkett seconded.

New Business

Chairman Berkley reported that no 5th District Committee dues had been collected for the past few years. Article VII of the By Laws says each unit shall pay to the 5th District Committee an annual assessment not to exceed \$3.00 per delegate vote in the District Committee. Because this had not been done in a few years, the committee was basically broke after the convention. After some discussion, Mike Schmitt made a motion to assess each unit \$1.00 per delegate vote. Wendall Johnson seconded. Motion passed. Each unit was then given the amount they needed to submit to the Treasurer.

According to Chairman Berkley, there was no budget submitted for 2013. A motion was made by Chris Shores to have the Treasurer submit a budget

(rough draft) at the next 5th District meeting. Wally Hudson seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman Berkley asked for a report of the Nominations Committee. Korey Snead reported that Clara Belle Wheeler and Ed Yensho had filed for SCC. Vice Chair Zone 1- Bill Harvill was the only one to file and Vice Chair Zone 2- Gene Smith was the only one to file. There were no nominations from the floor, therefore, Bill Harvill and Gene Smith were elected by acclamation.

For SCC, there were no nominations from the floor. Clara Belle Wheeler and Ed Yensho were each given 3 minutes to speak. Nominations were closed and the Secretary called the roll for each one to receive their ballot to vote for SCC. The tellers announced that Clara Belle Wheeler was duly elected.

Various units announced upcoming meetings and Christmas parties.

Chairman Berkley expressed interest in a Valentine's Dance Fundraiser. An ad hoc committee was formed to look into locations and all details. The committee will consist of: Will Rogers, Daniel Bradshaw, Barbara Null, Peggy Armentrout, and Sandra Warren.

Because of expressed concerns regarding 5th District Committee meeting days, Daniel Bradshaw made a motion to have 2 Saturdays and 2 Sundays for meeting days in 2015. Joanne Holden seconded. Chairman Berkley will work on schedule.

Clara Belle Wheeler asked to compose a letter in regard to oppose the amnesty issue to send to all representatives in Virginia and have each unit chair sign. Tom Warren seconded the motion. Motion passed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10PM.

Respectively submitted,

Sandra Warren
Secretary

