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State Central Committee Meeting

September 17, 2022

A meeting of the State Central Committee of the Republican Party of Virginia was held at the Bank of America Center, 1111 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219, on September 17, 2022. Chairman Rich Anderson called the meeting to order at 11: 14am. Secretary Jill Cook was present.

The invocation was given by Patti Lyman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kristi Way.

The Republican Creed was read by Bill Cleveland.

The Chair appointed Carey Allen, Dennis Free and Jeff Ryer as the proxy committee.

The following members attended in person:

Rich Anderson

Kristi Way

Patti Lyman

Morton Blackwell

Jill Cook

John Selph

Jeff Ryer

Dennis Free

Miki Miller

Carey Allen

Ben Hazekamp

Adam Tolbert

Geary Higgins

Michael Ginsberg

Susan Cobb

Jessi Rapelje Blakely

Trevor Webb

Wendell Walker

John Cosgrove

Ken Nunnenkamp, Sr

Ron Wright

Chris Marston
Mark Kelly
Amanda Batten
Nancy Dye
David Botkins
Tara Carroll
Joshua Mayes
Mark Daniel
Nicholas Proffitt
Elizabeth Lankford
Bill Curtis
Cliff Dunn
Carole de Triquet
Sarah Mahayni
Stacie Gordon
Renee Maxey
Susan Lascolette
Will Kirk
Craig Scott
Stephen Kurtz
Curt Lilly
Tim Parrish
Kimmy Kruskamp
Dewey McDonnell
Nancy Almasi
Diane Cullo
Jack Blakely
Tyler Lester
Caleb Cruely
Zack Thompson
Mark Sell
Heather Rice
Cathy McNickle
Richard McCarty
Devon Flynn
Jean M Gannon
Lou Call
Dan Johnson
Joey Funai
Eugene Lee
Scott Wyatt

The report of the Proxy Committee was accepted. 10 valid proxies were found to be in order, with one provisional proxy if needed. The following members attended by proxy:

Patti Lyman – proxy held by Martha Muniz (partial)
Rick Buchanan – proxy held by Will Pace
John Massoud – proxy held by Randy Gilbert
Andrew Loposser – proxy held by Bill Cleveland
Lauren Keiser – proxy held by Julie Coggsdale
Mike Ziegenfuss – proxy held by Bob Brown
E Janet Riddick – proxy held by Eric Ditri
Doc Troxel – proxy held by Russ Wright
Nate Boyer – proxy held by Martha Muniz (partial)
Karen Kwiatkowski – proxy held by John Chroniger Susan
Edwards – proxy held by Kyle Cruely
Jacob Holmes – proxy held by Steven Statzer
Dan Johnson – proxy held by Stephanie Zemanak (partial)

Two additional proxies were added after the Proxy Committee's initial report.

The minutes of the April 29, 2022 meeting were adopted by voice vote.

Auxiliary Reports

President Susan Cobb delivered the Virginia Federation of Republican Women report, highlighting the addition of two new Clubs and three pending.

Chair Jessi Rapelje Blakely delivered the Young Republican Federation of Virginia report, highlighting the upcoming deployments for Congressional candidates. She also announced her candidacy for National YR Chair.

Chairman Trevor Webb introduced Vice Chair Joey Funai to deliver the College Republican Federation of Virginia report, highlighting the deployment for candidate Jen Kiggans (CD-2) in October, and announcing that the 2023 CRFV Convention will be the last weekend in January.

Chairman's Report

The Chair commented on party-building and opportunities to make more gains in VA.

The Chair introduced and commended RPV staff.

The Chair announced the following event dates:

- Next SCC meeting - December 2022
- Commonwealth Dinner - Monday, December 12, 2022
- 2023 Advance - April 20-23 in Richmond
- 2024 Advance - May 30-June 1 in Richmond

The Chair introduced Western Vice Chairwoman Nancy Dye to comment on Boards and Commissions. She extended an invitation to apply to be considered for these positions.

The Chair introduced Executive Director Ken Nunnenkamp, Jr for an update on RPV staff and their activities since the last meeting, and to announce an event on September 27 in Abingdon to welcome Democrat sheriffs and elected officials who have joined the Republican party.

New Business

Resolution

Jean Gannon moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Republican Party of Virginia is committed to electing Republican candidates for office to ensure good governance in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

WHEREAS, Our Republican principles must be transmitted and preserved from generation to generation.

WHEREAS, The High School Republican Federation of Virginia is a youth organization for ages 13-19 years old formed for the purpose of recruiting and advocating for teenagers across the Commonwealth, and training them in the principles of the Republican Party of Virginia.

WHEREAS, The High School Republican Federation of Virginia chartered with the High School Republican National Federation on April 14th of 2022, after two years of continuous operation within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

WHEREAS, During its operation the High School Republican Federation of Virginia has conducted candidate forums and interviews for the purpose of educating voters and encouraging Republican candidates to uphold the Virginia Republican Creed.

WHEREAS, The High School Republican Federation of Virginia has successfully lobbied for and passed historic legislation to promote youth civic engagement in Virginia.

WHEREAS, The High School Republican Federation of Virginia engages in volunteer work on behalf of our Party and nominees.

WHEREAS, The High School Republican Federation of Virginia provides young leaders the opportunity to learn about and engage in the political process.

AND WHEREAS, The Republican Party of Virginia must attract the next generation of young men and women who share our commitment to conservative principles, educate them, encourage their participation in the Republican Party, and assist in their organization as an effective force to secure the election of Republican candidates to all levels of public office.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Republican Party of Virginia recognizes the High School Republican Federation of Virginia for being the first members of their generation to step into leadership and for their efforts in engaging and educating future Republican voters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Republican Party of Virginia recognizes the High School Republican Federation of Virginia as an auxiliary organization to our Party and will continue to work with their members to secure Republican victory across our Commonwealth."

Will Pace's motion to amend by inserting as follows "pursuant to the provisions of the Republican Party of Virginia Plan of Organization," passed by voice vote.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Republican Party of Virginia recognizes the High School Republican Federation of Virginia, "**pursuant to the provisions of the Republican Party of Virginia Plan of Organization,**" as an auxiliary organization to our Party and will continue to work with their members to secure Republican victory across our Commonwealth.*

The underlying motion passed by voice vote.

Jeff Ryer's motion to adopt the following proposed rules to govern the appeals process taking place at the State Central Committee meeting on September 17th, 2022 rules passed by voice vote.

1. The Appellant has five minutes to present the appeal.
2. A representative of the District Committee that considered the appeal has five minutes to present the committee's decision.
3. A period of ten minutes is allowed for members to ask questions; each question to be asked of either the appellant or the District Committee representative in no more than 30 seconds, and a response to be given in no more than one minute.
4. A motion to decide the appeal (and any amendments thereto) be subject to debate for no more than fifteen minutes with no member speaking for more than one minute (following the usual custom of alternating those in favor of the motion and those opposed).

Seventh District Appeal

James Manship presented his appeal.

Tim Parrish presented the Seventh District Committee's response to deny the appeal.

Jeff Ryer moved to affirm the decision of the 7th District Committee.

Russ Wright proposed a substitute motion to reverse the Committee's decision and convene a new Convention.

Morton Blackwell's motion to close debate on the substitute motion passed by voice vote.

Will Kirk's motion for a roll call vote failed.

The substitute motion to uphold the appeal and hold a new Convention failed by voice vote.

Cliff Dunn's motion to close debate and call the question passed by voice vote.

The decision of the 7th District Committee was upheld by voice vote.

Virginia Beach Appeal

Laura Hughes presented the James Cohen appeal.

Dennis Free and Nicholas Proffitt presented the response from the Republican Party of Virginia Beach.

Jeff Ryer moved to uphold the Republican Party of Virginia Beach's decision.

Cliff's Dunn's motion to call the question passed by voice vote.

The appeal was denied by voice vote.

Resolution

Craig Scott proposed the following Resolution:

"The Republican Party of Virginia condemns the paramilitary Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Justice of the Biden regime in raiding the residence of President Donald J. Trump. The raid by over 30 heavily-armed agents is an unprecedented assault on these United States.

We honor our fealty to our Constitution. We are the Party of laws and must be held accountable. The Federal government is no exception. The FBI is in violation of the 9th and 10th Amendments of the Bill of Rights and must be abolished. The Republican Party of Virginia shall distribute copies of this motion to all media outlets and to the District Chairs in Virginia."

Cliff Dunn moved the Resolution be referred to a Committee.

Kristi Way offered an amendment to Mr. Dunn's motion to *"refer the resolution to a Committee on Resolutions, to be appointed by the Chairman."*

The motion, as amended, passed by voice vote.

Executive Session

Without objection, the Committee entered Executive Session at 1:48pm to discuss fiscal matters, pending legal actions and /or personnel matters.

The Committee returned to open session at 2:42pm. It was confirmed that the Committee discussed fiscal matters.

Randy Gilbert delivered the benediction.

The Committee adjourned at 2:43pm on September 17, 2022.

