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YORK COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

Call to Order: Kitty Staskelunas @ 7:00 p.m.

Invocation: Buck Tumminello read Michah 6:8 prior to invocation

Pledge: Tommy West

Republican Creed: Nat Webb

Roll Call: Paula Krewinghaus YCRC Acting Secretary

- Attendance taken by sign-in attendance sheet
 - Quorum Confirmed:
32 Members and 4 Proxies

Kitty announced that the speaker cancelled but we would have other awesome speakers

Welcome and Introduction of Distinguished Elected Officers & Guests:

Senator Danny Diggs
Sheila Noll York County Board of Supervisors
Stephen Roane, BOS, District 4
Lynn Fairman York County School Board
Candice Kelley, Treasurer for York County
Sarah Webb, York County Commissioner of Revenue

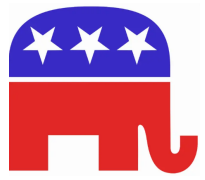
Approval of the Minutes:

- Motion to Approve:
 - 1st David Staskelunas
 - 2nd Tom Jett

Treasurer's Report: Buck Tumminello absent; Report given by Chairman, Kitty Staskelunas

August 15, 2024 Auction Fundraiser Report attached

Total Receipts	\$3,674.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$1,231.00</u>
Funds Raised	\$2,443.00
September 6, 2024 Balance	\$5,720.22



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Guest Speaker CANCELLED : Liz Dickerson Executive Director American Majority Action

YCRC Chair introduced:

Joe Link, Virginia Deputy State Director for the Trump Campaign thanked everyone for their efforts in getting President Trump getting re-elected. He announced that there will be a debate watch party at Danny Diggs Newport News campaign office and plan to host another watch party when JD Vance and Waltz debate.

Brian Perkins from Protect the Vote which is another arm of the Trump campaign. His job is to find Election officials and poll watchers. Please contact him if you are interested in becoming Election Official or poll watcher.

DeLois Stallman RPV 1st Congressional District State Central Committee Representative reported that State Central has not had a meeting since she was elected. A meeting is scheduled for Sept 14 when they will be electing Executive Board member to the Committee. DeLois had a copy of the agenda for the upcoming meeting. Vice Chair and Eastern Vice Chair positions are being contested and she provided copies of statements from them.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion regarding the Motion to purchase Cao signs. The Executive Board met and determined that the \$200 would buy about 30 small signs and 4 large signs and that the money would be better spent to strategically place signs in the community along 17. Surprisingly they received 500 4x8 signs from the Cao campaign to the Diggs office; so the \$200 is no longer needed to buy signs. Volunteers will be needed to put out the signs. It was recommended to buy zip ties and Dave Staskelunas offered to donate the zip ties. They have a list of signs where the signs will be placed.

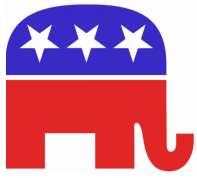
New Business:

Introduction of Visitors

- Recognition of Visitors:
 - 1. David Leon invited from Brian Perkins
 - 2. David Lee from Williamsburg
- Vote on following prospective new members
 - 1. Jim Bellflower
 - 2. Mary Clark (reinstated)

Announcements:

- Trump Merchandise for Sale – profits go directly to the YCRC
 - Sided Trump Flags for \$20 and Women for Trump Hats



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Trumptoberfest Event – Saturday, October 26 from 11-3 behind the Green Office

The details are being finalized and it will be a free community event. Bring friends, family and neighbors to meet elected officials without having to pay a fee. There will be kids activities, and food and beer will be sold. The RWYC will be donated 3 baskets for the auction. Hopefully food will be donated. Volunteers are needed and there were sign up sheets available.

Members were asked to sign up to be **poll watchers and observers** for early voting and on Election Day. There will be training through Zoom. A letter of authorization is needed from the Chairman. www.Yorkcounty.gov/voting for information.

Question posed regarding other Committees having **½ shifts for Election**. Kitty said that ½ day shifts are only for poll observers. What is the process for doing ½ days? Connie shared that the Board voted no to ½ day shifts since it was tried several years ago and it didn't work.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment will be on the ballot discussed. The amendment is to change *property taxes are exempt for service members killed in action* to service members in the "LINE OF DUTY". At the next meeting, the Committee will decide if they will endorse the proposed amendment. This proposed Amendment will be on the sample ballot.

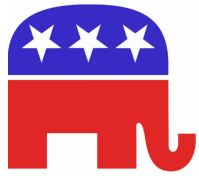
Comments from Elected Officials:

Stephen Roane from BOS – Busy time; changes to zoning ordinances; 6 more meetings before the end of the year; they will have a joint session with the School Board; news around the County: Beals have signed a lease agreement with Virginia Brewing Co;

Sheila Noll – sign up for Flash Vote on yorkcounty.gov website. Community will have the opportunity to express their opinion on various topics within 48 hours. Also, a more sophisticated response program called RAVE is being implemented.

Discussion regarding the removal of the trees down at the beach. They have torn down the old dockmaster building and public restrooms. There is a plan to plant more trees in the future.

Photo Monitoring Study – There have been over 3700 violations from 5 camera in one week. A week later it was reduced to 800 and they are currently issuing warnings. Current traffic citations in York County for the year – 12,000!



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SB Chair Kim Goodwin – absent; she sent a report regarding the Pride Flag posted on the YC School website being flown at a school the first day of school. She contacted Mr. Schaffer and Dr. Shandor. There is currently no policy regarding flags or any controversial materials. The flag was removed.

Lynda Fairman – reported on the pictures of the flag since she also received phone calls. She getting information from other school divisions regarding their policy. Monday will be a work session meeting. Lynda shared that she contacted Rob Wittman regarding getting federal funds for the expansion of the gym at Bethel Manor. There has been a drastic increase in funding to support military families to take the pressure off the community to use local tax dollars. Therefore, Congressman Wittman will be meeting with the Base Commander to move this forward.

Affiliated Republican Organizations

- RWYC – Next meeting Monday September 9 at County Grill at 11:30 and the speaker will be Jeff Ryer.

Upcoming Events:

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 - Charles from the Wittman Campaign reported on 3 upcoming events: Door Knocking Sept 7 at 9 am at Yorktown GOP Office; Get Out the Vote Rally – Gov Youngkin will be speaking at Chesterfield Airport on Sept 21 at 9am; Former Governors Allen and McDonald on Sept 28 Seaford Sounds and Sips Event in Essex County.
 - Board of Supervisors Meetings Sept 3 and 17 at 6 pm
 - School Board Meetings Sept 9 (work session) at 6 pm and Sept 23 at 7pm
 - Trumptoberfest on Saturday October 26 from 11-3
 - Women's Rally at Trump Winery on Saturday Sept 21 from 2-4
 - Next meeting – October 3, 2023
 - RPV Advance Dec 6-8 in Charlottesville

Adjournment:

- Motion to Adjourn:
 - 1st **Mike Peterson**
 - 2nd **Dave Staskelunas**

Meeting Adjourned 8:05 PM