

HORRY COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY



EC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MAY 6, 2019

1. Call to Order - Co-Chairmen
2. Invocation - Ron Hughes
3. Pledge of Allegiance – All
4. Republican Creed – Ed Carey
5. Preamble to the Constitution – Dreama Perdue
6. Appointment of Temporary Recording Secretary – Keith Jester was appointed
7. Executive Committeemen roll call – Keith Jester (there were 41 EC's present plus 5 proxies for a total of 46. (43 is required for a quorum.) Roll call attached to these minutes.
8. Approval of agenda – A change was made to the agenda to remove item 14 as Angie Jones was unable to address the meeting due to a family issue. Motion by Linda Knight, 2nd by Daniel Cochran to accept amended agenda – motion passed.
9. Recognition of elected Officials present – Gary Loftus, Russell Fry
10. Introduction of new Officers – Dreama Perdue , Ed Carey Co-Chairmen, Gerri McDaniel State EC.
11. Statements by newly Co Chairmen – Co-Chairman Dreama Perdue spoke briefly to the members then Co-Chairman Ed Carey read a statement that outlined his approach to organizing the HCGOP as well presented his 2019 yearly plan.
12. State EC Gerri McDaniel said a few words to the members. It was noted that Vice-Chairman Mary Rebolini was absent to a medical issue.
13. Recognition of immediate past Officers – Steve Hoffman and Norm Fay were recognized and thanked for their service.
14. Removed from agenda by prior motion.

OLD BUSINESS

15. Approval of prior meeting minutes by EC's after Ed Carey noted a correction to change the date in item VIII to "3/4/2019". – Motion by Daniel Cochran, 2nd by Chairman Dreama Perdue to accept the minutes of March 4 EC meeting. Motion Passed. A discussion of accepting the minutes of the April 4th meeting was tabled by John Bonsignore.
16. Treasurers report was given by Chairman Dreama Perdue
Motion by Gail Peterson, 2nd by Daniel Cochran to accept Treasurer's report – Motion passed.
17. Description of Standing Committee's from the bylaws was read by Co-Chair Ed Carey. It was noted that no standing committee reports were submitted for this meeting. It will be expected that standing committee Chairmen would be required and expected at future EC meetings.
18. Other old business – Daniel Cochran asked about Convention minutes. Co-Chair Ed Carey assured Daniel they were still in process but would be shared at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

19. Nominations and approval of County Republican party Secretary – Two names were submitted for the secretary position: Keith Jester and Eric Santorelli. Eric removed his name from consideration. Since Keith Jester was unopposed, he was duly elected as Secretary of the Horry County Republican Party.
20. Nomination and approval of County Republican party Treasurer – Two names were submitted for the Treasurer Position. Eric Santorelli and Pat Troutman. Each gave a short talk about their qualifications. By hand vote Eric Santorelli was duly elected as Treasurer of the Horry County Republican Party.

STANDING COMMITTEES

21. The following EC's were appointed as Temporary Chairmen of a standing committee:
 - Ways and Means – Daniel Cochran
 - Candidate Support – Nick Katsanos
 - Public Relations – Gerri McDaniel
 - Planning and Operations – Martin Coulter
 - By-Laws – Jim Furry
 - Membership – Eric Santorelli
22. John Bonsignore suggested additional standing committees are needed: suggestions were - Ethics, Grievance and Ombudsman. Discussion was tabled by Gail Peterson.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

23. Nomination and Election of a “Provisional Horry County Republican Party Chairman”.

Norman Fay was nominated. Since there no other nominations, Norman Fay was duly elected as the Horry County Republican Party Provisional Chairman.

OTHER NON-AGENDA ITEMS FROM MEMBERSHIP

24. Edie Roe Willard – candidate for 1st Vice Chair of the South Carolina State Republican Party gave a short introductory speech about her qualifications for 1st Vice-Chair and asked for our support.

25. Gerri McDaniel gave a short talk about the State Convention Process and possible ride sharing.

26. Jim Furry stood and stated we should take a look at how we select Delegates to the State Convention. Some good people were overlooked while some others who were inactive were selected.

27. All members were asked to sign a “get well” card for Bill Weigand before they leave.

28. Co-Chair Carey stated that he would like the next scheduled monthly meeting (June 3, 2019) to be an EC meeting. Membership agreed.

29. Mike Connett addressed the members with his concerns in how certain things were done at the convention. Specifically in voting re: Plurality vs. Majority in the State EC election.

30. Motion to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:37PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Jester

Secretary Horry County Republican Party