

HENRICO COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE
United for Victory



COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Thursday, October 6, 2016 meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. at the Henrico County Board of Supervisor's Room after having been duly called to meet. Sign in rosters were provided for the membership.

Rick McDonald gave the invocation.

Tony Pham led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gabe Hill read the Virginia Republican Creed.

The Chairman recognized the elected officials in attendance:

Congressman Rob Wittman
Delegate John O'Bannon
Board of Supervisor Pat O'Bannon

Prior to entering the normal business of the committee, the chairman called upon three speakers:

Mark Coakley, Henrico County Registrar, made a presentation on Henrico voter registration procedures, voting procedures and absentee ballots.

Katherine O'Donnell made a presentation on behalf of Richmond Regional Tourism.

Congressman Rob Wittman talked about the upcoming elections.

The minutes from the September 1, 2016 Meeting were approved.

The Chairman issued his report:

United for Victory – that is both my goal and my slogan for my term as Chairman. Together WE can achieve this.

I thank you for all of your support thus far, and I encourage you to become more involved. Join a committee – we have ten committees and we need your help. There is a place at the table for everyone -- all are welcome.

Your Executive Committee is working hard for you. We met this evening, and plan to meet at 6:00 p.m. before every month's regular 7:00 p.m. meeting, right here, on the 1st Thursday of each month.

We will continue to have our monthly breakfast on the first Saturday of each month at the O'Charley's on Gaskins Road near Interstate 64 at 8:00 a.m. We just had our October breakfast, so our next one is Saturday, November 5.

We will continue to have our monthly Tusk & Trunk socials, but we will be changing our regular meeting night to the 3rd Monday. Please come and be social – it is for all members! Our goal was to have one social in each magisterial district as soon as possible. We are just about there. Our next Socials are on Monday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m. Here are your locations: Tuckahoe: Union Table and Tap in the Glen Eagles Shopping Center; Three Chopt: The Wine Loft in Short Pump Town Center; Brookland and Fairfield: Mekong Restaurant on Broad Street; Varina: Carini Italian Restaurant on Williamsburg Road. We had about 25 people out our first Varina event – it was a great night!

We are upgrading our website, our Facebook page and our other forms of communications, and, we are developing a media plan and ways to increase our visibility.

We opened our full-time office last month, staffed by RPV Victory workers, but we need your help in volunteering there too. The HCRC office address is 3163 Lauderdale Drive in the Lauderdale Square Shopping Center. I want to especially thank Nancy Smith and Leanne Bowman from the Brat team – they have given us outstanding support.

We are expanding our membership and marching into all Magisterial Districts, but I need your help. I need for you to make immediate contact with your magisterial chair if you have not yet done so. If you are not sure which magisterial district you live, please see Tammy Bread, our Vice Chair for Precinct Organization. Our Tuckahoe Magisterial Chair is Jim Beamer. Our Three Chopt magisterial Chair is Robert Marshall. Our Brookland Magisterial Chair is Ben Dessart. Our Fairfield Magisterial Chair is Dana Smith. Our Varina Magisterial Chair is Mallory McCune. We beat the Democrats by being organized and working hard. We will do this by working in our magisterial districts.

The Chairman then offered to field questions, but hearing none, the chairman moved forward to other reports.

Frances Boswell issued Treasurer's report.

In the absence of the Vice Chair for Programs, the Chairman issued the Programs report.

Speakers have been scheduled for all events for the remainder of the year. The Programs Committee is considering speakers and topics for next year. The Programs Committee is working on a Holiday Party in December.

The Vice Chair for Precinct Organization issued the Precinct Organization report. We are working on our full-time office and are working with RPV to install the GOP Data Center. We are working with The Trump, Brat and Wade Campaigns to organize door knocking and pool working. Volunteers are needed.

In the absence of the Vice Chair for Membership, the Chairman issued the Membership report, and several new members were elected to the committee.

Rick McDonald issued the Community Engagement report – several events have occurred or are scheduled and upcoming, including the Filipino Festival, Glen Allen Day and Varina Community Day.

In the absence of Lloyd Dunnivant, the Chairman issued the Community Service report.

In the absence of the Finance Committee Chair, the Chairman issued the Finance Committee report. The Finance Committee met on October 3 to work on a proposed budget for 2017. A final proposal should be submitted to the Executive Committee before next meeting.

Jim Herring issued the Media Committee report. We are upgrading our website, our Facebook page and our other forms of communications, and, we are developing a media plan and ways to increase our visibility.

Bryan Horn issued the Rules Committee report. The Rules committee approved a proposed new set of bylaws which has been unanimously approved by the Executive Committee. This new set of bylaws will be submitted to the entire Committee for comments within the week. These will be scheduled for a vote at our November 3 Committee meeting.

Gabe Hill issued the Young Republicans Committee report. The committee has met twice and is preparing to host a gubernatorial debate on January 5, 2017.

The Magisterial Chairs or their designees issued the magisterial reports.

Delegate John O'Bannon updated the Committee on State legislative matters.

Supervisor Pat O'Bannon updated the Committee on local government matters.

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Campaign Reports were issued for 7th District Congressman Dave Brat and 4th Congressional Race Candidate Mike Wade, as well as the Wittman and Adams campaigns.

Reports were solicited from Other Conservative Groups: The Henrico Tea Party, The James River Republican Women's Club and the Tuckahoe Women's Club.

Upon a motion made, a second and unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Ernesto V. Sampson, Recording Secretary