

MINUTES: Culpeper County Republican Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 18, 2023

Note: The meeting call was sent via email May 11, 2023.

1.0 Call to Order	Chairman Lorraine Carter presiding. Meeting started at 7:00pm
Invocation	Dewey McDonnell
Pledge of Allegiance	Russ Rabb
Republican Creed	Dave Crissman
2.0 Welcome of Guests	Lorraine Carter welcomed Joe Watson, Candidate for Sheriff. Other guests present were Karen McGowan, McGowan Children, John Stinson, Angela Mills, and Ford Mardy.
3.0 Roll Call of Members	Lorraine Carter- 24 members present. Quorum=19
4.0 Previous Minutes	Dewey McDonnell made a motion to approve the March 23 Minutes. Steve Mouring moved to approve March 23 Minutes with editorial note on 6.0 to correct spelling of the name of Delegate Michael Webert. Seconded by Susan Monaco. Motion passed.
5.0 Agenda	5.0 Lorraine Carter presented the proposed Agenda. Dewey McDonnell moved to accept the agenda as presented. Steve Mouring stated that as a point of order, the Parliamentarian cannot make motions and the agenda does not require a motion. The Chair then called for a vote on the agenda which was approved.
6.0 1 st Good of the Order	6.0 Joe Watson, candidate for Sheriff, spoke about his priorities and volunteered to answer any questions after the meeting.
7.0 Officer Reports	<p>7.1 Chairwoman, Lorraine Carter thanked members for their outpouring of help in the primary election on May 6. Everything went smoothly.</p> <p>7.2 Vice Chair Susan Monaco thanked Bill Schneider and election committee members for their efforts on the May 6 Voting. She also thanked Event Chair, Dave Crissman for his work planning the next event, Fireman's Parade, May 25, 2023.</p> <p>7.3 Recording Secretary, Beryl Thornton.</p> <p>7.3.1 Membership Changes: Beryl presented Angela Mills and Terese Matricardi for a vote as new CCRC members. All approved so both members were accepted into CCRC. Two applicants for membership, Joe Watson and Karen McGowan, were introduced and spoke about themselves. They will be voted on at our next meeting.</p> <p>7.5 Corresponding Secretary, Sandy Boone, no report.</p> <p>7.6 Treasurer, Sherry Crissman, presented the Treasurer's Report for last month and the current month. She noted that the April-May Report side has a correction not notice during April. She listed expenses for this period to include Headquarters rent, supplies for May 6 primary election, and Candidate Forum. As of this meeting our balance on hand \$11,821,51. Dewey noted that the May 6 election costs were paid by the state committee.</p> <p>7.7 Finance Chair, Vanessa Short, excused absent</p> <p>7.8 Events Chair, Dave Crissman, described the participation of CCRC in the Fireman's Parade Scheduled for May 25 at 6:30 pm to include a CCRC Decorated Float and a Headquarters Open House. He asked for Volunteers to help construct the float and cook and serve hotdogs at CCRC Headquarters. He also needs volunteers to ride on the float and talk to people at headquarters. Larry Green is providing the truck and float for this parade. Dave reminded members that \$500 has been approved to construct the float and provide the hotdogs.</p> <p>Culpeper Fest is at Eastern View HS on June 9 starting at 4 pm. CCRC will have a tent and table. Contact Dave to volunteer. Lorraine commented that over 3500-4000 people attend the Culpeper Fest event making it a wonderful opportunity to connect with the community. Susan Monaco moved that CCRC join Culpeper Fest with a \$300 budget item to pay the entry fee and expenses. Larry Green seconded the motion and it passed.</p>

7.1.1 Appointments	<p>7.1.1 Lorraine Carter appointed Maggie Cleary as Precinct Coordinator for the next period of time if she is available. Maggie agreed to serve and introduced herself with her qualifications and experiences.</p> <p>7.1.2 Lorraine also officially appointed Dewey McDowell as Parliamentarian for both CCRC and the CCRC Executive Council.</p>
7.9 Nominating Committee	<p>Bill Schneider, chair of nominating committee stated that the current list of CCRC Nominees includes: Bryce Reeves, Senate Nick Freitas and Mike Webert, Delegate Russ Rabb, Commonwealth Attorney Tom Underwood, Board of Supervisors Joe Watson, Sheriff (Note that the Canvas scheduled for Sheriff was cancelled due to withdrawal of second candidate.)</p> <p>The Town Council and School Board candidates can seek endorsement by the CCRC, which will occur at our next meeting.</p> <p>Election Officer Chiefs will train in June. Other Election Officers will train in October. The trainers are asking for your suggestions which you can forward to Dewey or Barbie Mouring.</p> <p>Bill Schneider moved that we set the deadline for Candidates Seeking Endorsement for June 20. He will present the candidates to the CCRC at our next meeting on June 22 to approve their Endorsement.</p> <p>Bill also reported on which elections were upcoming in November: VA Senate, 2 delegates, (61and 62) Clerk of the Court, Commission of Revenue, Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff, Treasurer, Soil and Water Conservation Director, Board of Supervisors and School Board for West Fairfax, East Fairfax, Catalpa and Salem districts and 4 seats on the Town Council.</p>
8.0 2 nd Good of the Order	<p>Russ Rabb spoke about his candidacy for Commonwealth Attorney.</p> <p>James spoke on behalf of Bryce Reeves. He encouraged CCRC members to vote Absentee and encourage others we know to do so. He will provide training at our next meeting in June to get more high propensity voters to vote absentee.</p>
9.0 Old Business	None
10. New Business	<p>Dewey reported that PhD researchers say that there are millions of people on VA voter roles who should not be there. Due to that fact, Dewey wishes to thank Gov. Youngkin For pulling VA from the ERIC system. Eight states have already pulled their voter rolls from ERIC.</p> <p>Zoom call will train us how to remove the voters off of the voter rolls. Missouri has put their voting on paper ballots to make them safe from Computer tampering.</p> <p>7.1.3 ERIC Resolution Dewey McDowell presented the ERIC Resolution to thank Gov. Youngkin for removing Virginia from the ERIC system because it is not fulfilling its commitments. Steve Mouring moved that the CCRC send out the ERIC Resolution as a Thank You to Gov. Youngkin for upholding Election Integrity. Bill Stead seconded the motion and it carried. Contact Dewey if you have questions.</p>
11. 3 rd Good of the Order	None.
12. Adjourn to next meeting	Adjourn 8:20 pm. Next meeting is June 22, 2023, 7 pm
13. Open Forum	<p>June 3rd Boots & Bowties, Kelly Street Boxing Event</p> <p>June 9th Brandy Station Reenactment Event</p>

	<p>Maryanne asked members to sign up to host at the Headquarters to get the word out and get materials into the community.</p> <p>Habitat for Humanity is looking for help constructing, 9 to 5 building a house for needy. For more information contact Mike Gerzina.</p>
	<p>The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 22nd at 7pm at Reformation Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 601 Madison Road, Culpeper, VA</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Beryl Thornton, Recording Secretary May 29, 2023</p>