

**Jefferson County Republican Executive Committee**

***Minutes of Meeting***

***February 16, 2016***

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Colin Barton. Invocation was given by Colin Barton followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Bruce Sandell. Roll call was taken, a quorum was present.

After roll call, Chairman Barton requested volunteers for the open Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen positions.

The January minutes were posted on the website. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – No report. Jane Vollertsen will report on January and February at the next meeting.

Guest Speaker – Colin welcomed Sharon Krause to speak. She and her partner are visiting all 67 counties to talk about a plan to defeat Hillary Clinton.

**Old Business**

- a. **Audit Committee - Audit committee needs to meet to review all of 2015 and certify prior to submitting our matching funds request to the RPOF. Susan Rissman made a motion to form an Audit Committee, motion was seconded by Ed Vollertsen. Motion passed. Beverly Sutphin will be chair of this committee.**
- b. **Game Changer Project – Meeting tonight and setting up two workshops that will be open to the public. Colin Barton has arranged for a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at the Senior Citizens Center. Commissioner Walker will attend to speak on the project. An ad will be placed in the Jefferson Journal.**

**New Business**

- a. **Project Manager – The Chairman would like to identify members to head up projects as different types of fundraisers. Discussion followed. The idea of having socials and also functions such as a Lincoln Day Dinner to raise funds. Watermelon festival will be important this year. Katrina suggested that we enter the Chili cookoff on Feb. 25 at the Opera House. \$25 to enter. Application due Monday. Linda Henry and Ed Vollertsen will prepare the Chili. Other projects will be discussed and agreed upon in March.**
- b. **Newspaper Ads - Steve Rissman has marked a calendar for the suggested dates for ads in the local papers. He will bring a suggested format.**
- c. **High School Scholarship – Susan Rissman mentioned reviving the scholarship to a senior at both the Jefferson County High School and Aucilla Christian Academy. Recognition to deserving non-traditional students. Monies are collected separately.**

- d. Facebook – Suggest that we have a presence on Facebook . Posts will be shared and you can reach many people quickly.

#### **Reports**

- a. School Board – No Report
- b. City Council – open
- c. County Commission – Katrina mentioned that the County Commission tonight was 10 minutes long. The Game Changer Project did not come up.
- d. RPOF Quarterly Meeting-Steve and Susan Rissman reported on the recent meeting in Tampa. It was emphasized that the Republican Party would be behind whoever is nominated. Web-Elect – Program written for Florida to target specific voters. Free to the county party. Candidates have to purchase. Colin will request it and Tom Love will coordinate for us. Second Amendment Caucus – Over 1 million concealed carry in Florida. Veterans Caucus – Fertile recruiting grounds.
- e. Chairman’s Report – So much information is given out at the Quarterly Meetings. Feel free to contact Colin. Rural County Matching Funds no longer being sponsored by the RPOF due to lack of funds. This makes it more important to raise our own funds through projects. RPOF Financial Report is available. State party is emphasizing outreach to groups.

Representing Donald Trump, Robert Siddell has a supply of Trump bumper stickers, yard signs, etc. available to members and others. BING.com has a site with a tally of delegates earned.

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Kiser, Secretary

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