RHEA COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Monthly Meeting Minutes for November 3, 2022

Chairman Kris Bancroft called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Marvin Keener, Sr., offered prayer and Kris Bancroft led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A Moment of Silence was observed for our recent Chairman, Elizabeth Gryder, who passed away on October 7th. A number of our Members attended services for her in Athens and Dayton on October 14th and 15th.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

Kris Bancroft reported attending County Commission meetings on October 18th and November 1st and that County Commissioner Mark Cashman is working on a proposal for the Commission meetings to be live-streamed on the internet.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer’s Report The report was given by Ted Engel. A motion was made by Marvin Keener, Sr., and seconded by Kris Bancroft to accept the report as given. Motion carried.

PAC Treasurer’s Report The Treasurer was unable to attend tonight’s meeting due to illness.

Meeting Minutes The minutes for our Monthly Meeting of October 6th are available on the table for review and on our website at [https://www.rheagop.org](https://www.rheagop.org/).

Nominating Committee Kris Bancroft reported that the Committee (comprised of Marvin Keener, Sr., Teresa Hulgan, Charles Riggs, Donna Taylor and Bonnie Doss) met on October 6th to nominate Members for positions on the Executive Committee. The election will take place on February 2nd at our Reorganization. Between now and February 2nd, the Committee may formulate questions to ask of their nominees and conduct interviews to confirm the nominees’ commitment and ability to serve in those offices.

Volunteers Kris Bancroft reported that the request for Members to serve on various committees yielded good results. The Nominating Committee was formed and we have one Member who has volunteered to serve on the Decorating and Hospitality Committees. More volunteers are needed for various committees, and sign-up sheets were available.

Streaming of County Commission Meetings Commissioner Mark Cashman reported that an exploratory committee is being formed to look at streaming options and potential vendors. Therefore, the streaming presentation scheduled for the November 8th County Commission meeting has been postponed. When this does take place, a presence by our Membership in support of the proposal would be appreciated.

NEW BUSINESS

Memorial Donation for Elizabeth Gryder As recommended by the Executive Committee, a motion was made tonight by Marvin Keener, Sr., and seconded by Ted Engel that we make a $200 donation in memory of Elizabeth Gryder to her preferred charity, the Delta Zeta Foundation General Scholarship Fund. The motion carried.

Bylaws Amendments Kris Bancroft reported that we have not yet received a response from Nashville to our queries about amending our Bylaws. A motion was made by Marvin Keener, Sr., and seconded by Bill Bastenbeck to table the vote on the proposed amendments to our Bylaws due to a possible conflict with the Tennessee Republican Party Bylaws. The motion carried.

Volunteers for Committees Kris Bancroft shared the need to increase our activity in the community and grow the Party and stated that having committees to work toward these goals can help. Members may serve on more than one committee if they wish. The plan is for Executive Committee members to head up the committees and at least two additional Members will be needed on each committee. The committee heads will be asked to provide periodic reports to the Chair. If someone wishes to organize another committee not on the list, please let the Executive Committee know.

Committees which already exist:

Decoration

Hospitality

Nomination

Committees which are soon to be formed:

Bylaws

Media

Technology

Education

Youth Outreach

Community Outreach

Event Planning

Kris Bancroft described each committee and its functions. Ted Engel has agreed to head the Bylaws Committee and Charles Riggs the Technology Committee.

In regards to Youth Outreach, the formation of a Young Republicans group was discussed and where such a group might be formed. Also, a Teen-age Republicans group could be organized for those 18 years old and under if a sponsor is involved.

In regards to a Reagan Day Dinner, Kris Bancroft stated that he would like to see a robust Event Planning Committee in place before planning anything such as that again. He stated that our Dinner in 2021 was successful but that we need more help next time.

Veterans Luncheon Kris Bancroft announced that *The Herald News* is hosting a Veterans Luncheon on November 9th at 11:30 am at the First Baptist Church in Dayton. All veterans and their spouses are invited. As recommended by the Executive Committee, a motion was made by Tina Pearce and seconded by Mark Cashman for the RCRP to make a donation of $100 for this event. The motion carried.

Reorganization Election Ballots Kris Bancroft announced that the Nominating Committee will be asked to prepare ballots for the election.

Credentialing Process Kris Bancroft reported that Ted Engel will design the credentialing process and convey it to the Nominating Committee. Ted stated that this mainly involves obtaining a list of qualified Republican voters.

HR 7359 Kris Bancroft shared that U. S. Representative Scott DeJarlais has introduced a bill entitled “Stop Fentanyl Border Crossings Act.” This bill would require the Secretary of Health & Human Services to deport illegal aliens, as illegal aliens traffic Fentanyl and this poses a health risk. Kris urged Members to thank Congressman DeJarlais and to urge their friends in other districts and states to contact their Representatives and ask them to support the bill.

MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

Get Out the Vote Linda Pendergrass urged Members to help get out the vote for the November 8th election. She also referred us to the website [www.vote.org](http://www.vote.org/) for resource information on voting. Ted Engel encouraged a high voter turn-out to make rural areas such as ours more relevant.

Rhea Economic & Tourism Council Ted Doss offered to attend the meetings of this organization.

Business Cards Ted Doss suggested that we develop business cards, which can be distributed to Members. Members could provide the cards to others at community events which they attend. The cards would include when and where we meet. Kris Bancroft asked Ted to organize information about this possibility and the Executive Committee can decide on an option and present it to the Membership.

Christmas Parades in Dayton on December 3rd and Spring City on December 10th Marilyn Engel suggested that we participate as a Party in these parades. A motion was made by Kris Bancroft and seconded by Mark Cashman to purchase a banner for use in the parades. Motion carried.

Vote “Yes” on 1 John Stanbery encouraged Members to vote “Yes” on State Constitutional Amendment #1 on November 8th. This is the Amendment involving Right to Work issues. John also explained the other three Amendments on the ballot.

Mandating COVID Vaccinations Tina Pearce expressed her concern with President Biden’s efforts in this regard.

Adam Lowe Danika Begley encouraged voter turn-out for State Senate candidate Adam Lowe.

Kris Bancroft thanked everyone for attending tonight’s meeting and for those who brought snacks.

Our next meeting will be December 1st.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Judy Bancroft, Secretary