RHEA COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Monthly Meeting Minutes for January 5, 2023

Chairman Kris Bancroft called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm and welcomed those attending. Marvin Keener, Sr., offered prayer and Joe Gryder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kris Bancroft thanked those who brought food and reminded members to give receipts to the Treasurer if reimbursement is desired or tax deduction for food donations. Also, the Hospitality Committee needs another member. Set-up time for meetings is usually around 6:00. Sign-up sheets for all Committees were provided at the meeting.

Report on Chair’s Activities

* Attended Rhea County Commission meetings
* Presented $500 check to Sheriff for Toy Drive; photo was in *The Herald News*
* Attended Christmas event hosted by the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, Rhea County Economic & Community Development, and Main Street Dayton. Several attendees were invited to attend RCRP meetings.

Thank-You From Joe Gryder A card from Joe Gryder was read, which expressed appreciation to the Rhea County Republican Party for their donation to the Delta Zeta Sorority Scholarship Fund in memory of Elizabeth Gryder and her years of service.

Reagan Day Dinner Kris Bancroft reported that the date of April 15 has been chosen for the Dinner and that the High School auditorium has been reserved for that date. Volunteers are needed and members were encouraged to sign up. More details to follow.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes Kris Bancroft announced that minutes for the Monthly Meeting of December 1 and for the Executive Committee meeting of December 18 would be available after the meeting. Also, they are posted on our website at [https://www.rheagop.org](https://www.rheagop.org/). It was also suggested to spend some time exploring the website.

Treasurer’s Report Ted Engel gave the report.

PAC Treasurer’s Report Marvin Keener, Jr., gave the report. He stated that Mike Neal opted to not cash the $200 campaign donation check given him last year, as he had adequate campaign funds.

Nominating Committee Report Marvin Keener, Sr., reported that the following members have been nominated to serve on the Executive Committee:

* Chairman – Kris Bancroft
* Vice-Chairman – Ted Engel
* Secretary – Charles Riggs
* Treasurer – Marvin Keener, Jr.
* Vice-Treasurer – Pending

Members were advised that should anyone else wish to have their name placed on the ballot or to nominate someone else for an office on the Executive Committee, to please see Marvin Keener, Sr. (The nominations from the Nominating Committee are simply recommendations.) Also, nominations will be accepted from the floor during the February 2nd Reorganization meeting, and the ballots will also include spaces for write-in candidates. Charles Riggs will design the ballots and Ted Engel the credentialing process.

The issue was raised regarding the State GOP Bylaws’ requirement that the Chair and Vice-Chair be of the opposite sex. However, the Nominating Committee has diligently sought qualified female candidates for Vice-Chair but has been unsuccessful.

New PAC Treasurer Current PAC Treasurer Marvin Keener, Jr., has been nominated to be the next RCRP Treasurer. A motion was made by Marvin Keener, Jr., and seconded by Kris Bancroft for Jennifer Keener to become PAC Treasurer. The motion carried and Ms. Keener accepted the position. (The PAC Treasurer is not a member of the Executive Committee and is not included in the Reorganization election.)

Committees Kris Bancroft reviewed the roles of Facilitators and Coordinators of the Committees and listed and described the current Committees and their members and those Committees still in the planning stage. Volunteers are still needed.

Constitutional Amendments Presentations Ted Engel announced that the presentations will begin after the February 2nd Reorganization meeting and that he will probably start with a background presentation before talking about the individual Amendments. Kris Bancroft suggested that members invite young people who might benefit from this educational opportunity to learn more about the Bill of Rights.

MEMBERS’ AND GUESTS’ COMMENTS

County Commission Meetings Commissioner Mark Cashman shared the updated schedule for meetings:

* 2nd Tuesdays of the month

 5:00 – Purchase & Finance Committee

 6:00 – Commission Workshops

* 3rd Tuesdays of the month

 5:00 – Finance Committee

 6:00 – Commission Meetings

If individuals would like a topic added to the agenda of a Commission meeting, they should contact their Commissioner. Then, the Commission Chairman makes the decision whether the topic should be placed on the agenda.

Mr. Cashman stated that his proposal for livestreaming the meetings will be on the agenda for the Commission meeting on January 17th. He asks that RCRP members supporting livestreaming attend the meeting. A sign-up sheet will be available for those who wish to speak.

George Thacker Memorial Service Ted Doss announced that there will be a memorial service for former County Executive George Thacker on January 8th at the Rhea County High School.

Republican National Committee John Stanbery shared information regarding the election of the RNC Chairperson later this month.

Gettr Social Media Platform Tina Pearce encouraged members to use this site and that comments posted will be viewed by politicians.

Closing Comments Kris Bancroft thanked everyone who has made an effort in behalf of the Rhea County Republican Party. His vision for the future of the RCRP includes:

* Making the RCRP the most dynamic County Party in Tennessee
* Increasing the numbers of active members – those who attend meetings and participate in other events
* Establishing and supporting a Conservative organization for our County’s youth
* Rewarding those who participate in RCRP functions with something of value – increased knowledge and understanding, and FUN!
* YOUR ideas and HELP are earnestly solicited!

Kris asked for ANYONE wishing to run for or nominate members to serve on the Executive Committee, including Chairperson, to please let the Nominating Committee know.

Next Meeting Our next meeting will be on February 2nd. We will hold our biennial Reorganization at that time. Kris asked members to please make plans to attend and to VOTE for their choices.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Judy Bancroft, Secretary