**Franklin County Republican Party**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

**October 13, 2022**

Chairman Ed Strickland called the meeting to order. There were 37 members in attendance. A light meal of hotdogs, chips, cookies, assorted cakes and soft drinks was provided by members of the party.

Reverend Reynolds gave the invocation and Colonel Wyatt McGee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary, Opie Pearce read the minutes from the September 8th meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read, motion carried.

Treasurer Sidney Reynolds gave the Secretary’s report. We have a balance of $707.48 in our operations account. A motion was made to accept the secretary’s report as read, motion carried.

Web Master, John Edwards reported we went from 194,560 to 195,605 page visits on our

website.

Chairman Strickland announced we still need a place to hand out campaign signs. If anyone can offer another place to do this please let Chairman Strickland know.

Chairman Strickland announced 900 absentee ballots were mailed. Early voting begins October 20th at the Board of Elections in Louisburg, Youngsville Library, Bunn Sheriff’s Sub-station and Franklinton Lions Club.

Larry Norman announced he attended the Observer Training Session. He said they gave some very good training points.

Sample Ballots are now available on the State Board of Elections Website.

Mr & Mrs Reynolds announced they will be attending the District 1 Conference.

Chairman Strickland announced the State Party Chairman will be at Youngsville Realty at 12:00 noon on October 22nd. Ed said refreshments will be provided. Everyone is invited.

Chairman Strickland also announced Jack and Evonne Mizzelle will be handing out campaign signs at the Louisburg Walmart. They used to hand out signs at Food Lion but they were asked to stop.

**Candidates:**

Roxanne Bragg, candidate for Franklin County Commissioner, Dist. 2 spoke briefly on her campaign. She is having a BBQ sale at the Owl’s Roost on October 29th. She asked for help at Cedar Creek Precinct and Epsom Precinct.

Patricia Burnette Chastain, candidate for Clerk of Court spoke on her campaign. Patricia said she will work for the people of Franklin County. She asked for everyone’s support and vote.

Commissioner, Harry Foy spoke briefly on his campaign. He is seeking re-election as County Commissioner At-Large for his 9th time running. Harry said he is not a “yes” man. He is appalled at all the big spending going on. He will be having more free hot dog days in the coming weeks.

Chairman Strickland said our candidates could use some robo-calls and emails sent. Anyone that can help please let him know.

**Other Business:**

Ginger Pew attended the meeting expressing a desire to give out welcome packets to new attendees of the Franklin County Republican party. The information will be in red folders representing the Republican party. It will contain an information sheet with our website address, current executive committee members and their contact phone numbers, information on which district or precinct you live in and information on how to volunteer your time with the election process. It will also contain a magnet as a reminder for the monthly meetings. This new procedure was well received by all members as a good idea.

Chairman Strickland announced he is having Chairman’s Meetings every couple of months. There are many law suits in the works right now.

Chairman Strickland announced we have issues creeping into our schools. As a result, “A NEA Resolution 2022” flyer was given out at the meeting for member perusal. This pertains to the National Educational Association (NEA) providing its member teachers access to information that may be considered inappropriate and pornographic. It is asking for the Franklin County School Board to provide monitoring and oversight to instruction that includes information on human sexuality…. Be it further resolved that the franklin County Board of Education should instruct admin’s, teachers and staff that they should not engage in discussion with students about topics related to human sexuality unless the topics are part of the approved curriculum of the class or past of a program that required parental approval….Finally, if a student wishes to be addressed by a different name or another identity while in school, a parent or legal guardian is informed with written approval from the parent/guardian is required. There were several questions about certain parts of this resolution. These questions will need to be addressed before voting on it.

Chairman Strickland announced our next meeting will be November 10th and at the Youngsville Community Center, 115 East Main Street, Youngsville at 7:00 pm. Donations could still be considered to offset the rental cost.

Our Next meeting will be November 10th at 7:00 at the Youngsville Community Center. Being no further committee business, Chairman Strickland adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Opie Pearce, Secretary