**Franklin County Republican Party**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

**March 13, 2023**

Chairman Ed Strickland called the meeting to order. There were 23 members in attendance. A light meal of hotdogs, chips, pasta salad, cream puffs and soft drinks was provided by members of the party.

Reverend Harry Upchurch gave the invocation and Colonel Wyatt McGee led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary, Opie Pearce read the highlights of the minutes from the Franklin County Convention held on March 18th, 2023. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read, motion was 2nd and carried.

Treasurer Sidney Reynolds gave the Secretary’s report. We have a balance of $1806.48 in our operations account and $66.99 in our Petty Cash account. A motion was made to accept the secretary’s report as read, motion was 2nd and carried.

Web Master, John Edwards reported that as of February 9th we had 200,985 visits to our website with 440 page visits. This month we had 201,765 website visits with 780 page visits. This was an increase of 780 visits to our website.

**General Business:**

Ginger Pugh and Rose Holmes reported on the Franklin County Republican Ladies Club. A “Welcome” packet has been put together and two packets were given to new members at the meeting. They had 36 attendees at their last meeting and their guest speaker was Jim Womack. At their Tuesday, April 25th meeting their keynote speaker will be Franklin County Republican Party Chairman Ed Strickland. This will be held at the Hudson Manor House on Moulton Road, Louisburg. Precinct training will be held May 1st at Rose Holmes Home from 9-12 pm. Their Face Book Members is now up to 172. The Ladies Club will be doing training and focusing on public education in upcoming meetings. They want to start attending Board of Elections meetings and they want to showcase all women candidates running in the next election.

Treasurer, Sidney Reynolds reported our Franklin County Republican Face Book has 341 followers. These are made up of 54.5% female followers and 45.5% male followers.

Pierre Giani wrote letters to Congressmen in reference to “Federally Controlled Digital Currency” expressing our opposition to a CBDC. Pierre Giani announced Senator Ted Budd responded to our letter and read us his response. Senator Bud expressed his concerns about a CBDC saying “This is an unacceptable invasion of financial privacy that I will continue to fight against”. Senator Bud further stated “If a Federal Reserve CBDC comes before the Senate for consideration, I will keep our concerns in mind”.

Chairman Strickland announced it is time for our Board of Elections Representatives, Harry Barrick and Angela Pearce to reapply for their positions. Ed is looking for a motion to have a third BOE Representative in case Harry or Angela can’t fill their duties at some point in time. Karen Allen has volunteered to be our stand-by BOE Representative. AnnMarie Dellamorte motioned to have all three file applications and then the top two will be officially nominated with Karen Allen already being available if and when needed. Pierre Giani 2nd the motion and motion carried. The applications will go to the NCGOP State Board of Elections and then be appointed.

Chairman Strickland announced there will be a Chairman’s Boot Camp coming up Friday and Saturday, Mar 18th and 19th. Ed invited 1st Vice Chairman Howard Lasher to attend. He confirmed he will go.

Chairman Strickland reminded everyone of the upcoming State Convention slated for June 8-11 at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro.

Respectfully Submitted,

Opie Pearce, Secretary