

MINUTES 4/21/15 WALKER COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Chickamauga Library, 306 Cove Road, Chickamauga, Georgia

Following the printed available agenda,

1. The meeting was called to order by the new Chairman, Matt Williamson.
2. Invocation-The group was led in prayer by Glen Wolenski.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Carolyn Walker.
4. Roll Call was performed and 1 additional person added: Nathan Smith, Chairman, newly elected, of the 14th District.

There were no proxies reported. 16 members of the Committee were present. A Quorum was declared.

5. A motion was made, 2nd given, and vote to dispense with reading and approval of the minutes of the Convention.
6. Recognition and appreciation expressed to elected officials, Carolyn Walker, and State Committee Member, Judy Grammer, and Nathan Smith, new Chairman of the 14th District, and Nancy Burton, newly elected Assistant Secretary of the 14th District.
7. A recognition of people present who are new to the group included stellar additions! They were warmly welcomed with applause.
8. No program was planned or presented.
9. Committee Reports were requested: the former Treasurer reported a balance for March, and for the additional monies earned and spent for the Convention.

After giving much information about the finances of the recent convention and other collections and expenditures. A copy will be attached for the records. The report was accepted.

10. No old or unfinished business was noted.

11. General Orders: The Chairman relinquished the meeting to The First Vice Chairman, John Carpenter, who noted that 10 minutes per speaker would be allowed.

A. First appeal and contest of the election of the Walker County GOP Chairman March 14, 2015. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to allow Doug Grammer to speak to the assembly. He spoke about the printed material (attached and part of this record) stating that errors were made in the Convention Credentials Committee and Registration by allowing voting and participation by an unauthorized person. He further stated that he was denied access to the convention registration forms. Alan Painter, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, discussed the issues and noted that he did give Doug Grammer an opportunity to view the materials on the Tuesday after the Convention, March 17.

Other members spoke to the issues. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to allow Matt Williamson to participate in the discussion. With a handout entitled "Response" by Matt Williamson (packet attached and part of this report) Matt outlined his answer to the first appeal. Mr. Grammer then answered the response. Further discussion followed by the group members with some asking questions and others making comments. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to allow Mr. Grammer to view the records with a committee member present. The first appeal was otherwise denied. Dean Kelley, former Chairman, spoke to several of the issues including the necessary filing with the State.

(B) Upon resolution of the First Appeal, the Committee considered the Second and higher appeal, that the Rules of the previous years had not been registered appropriately and completely certified, making the election of the new Chairman illegal, stating that any new chairman must have first been a prior member of the County Committee. Doug Grammer stated that this second action was a Point of Order. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to allow Doug Grammer to speak to the assembly. Again, Mr. Grammer read about and spoke about his concerns and using a handout that was highlighted from Robert's Rules of Order (attached as part of this report) and a copy of the 2nd Appeal (attached). He further stated that there should be no discussion. The Chairman objected to the 2nd Appeal as a Point of Order. The First Vice Chairman ruled against the Point Of Order, and Doug Grammer immediately appealed the decision to the committee. A motion was made, seconded and approved to allow Matt Williamson to participate in the discussion. The Chairman responded to the second appeal with a handout entitled, "Response", packet attached and part of this report. Serious repartee among the participants followed as the group heard several speakers: Dean Kelley, Jim Pope], and others. The First Vice Chairman read the vote to be taken outlining what each part meant. The vote was made and the 2nd Appeal was denied. The First Vice Chairman announced a Vote of Confidence for Matt Williamson. Dean Kelley moved for a vote of confidence for Matt Williamson as Chairman, which was seconded, and approved by the Committee. Matt again assumed the Podium as Chair.

12. Under New Business:

A. The group voted to accept the resignation of the Kensington Precinct Chairman and search for a replacement.

B. A discussion followed about the creation of a designated email account for the secretary. Glen Wolinsky outlined how it would work and agreed to set up a system in the next few days. Several other group members discussed the pros and cons.

C. The Chairman then discussed possible committee memberships: programs, outreach, events, and other such committees named to ensure the smooth running of the group and include the skills and ideas of more people in Walker County.

D. Upcoming community events were noted to consider having a Republican presence attend.

E. The Chairman asked who needed information and help with the State Convention in May. He noted a candidate for Assistant Secretary(Layla) from the 14th District. Nathan Smith discussed her previous jobs and successes.

F. No other new business was offered, except a report from Rod Swanson about the current straw vote for President. A copy of the results is attached.

13. Brief remarks from the Chair followed. He expressed gratitude for the people attending and plans to include members in active participation toward the future of electing a President. He also discussed the possibility of meeting in various places around the county. Several members gave their opinions about this suggestion. It was also suggested that the meetings might remain in the same place but Town Hall Meetings might be held to include more people in the community.

14. Brief remarks from the Floor were made by several people asking all the parties present to continue to follow the rules and make provisions for handling issues in smaller committees rather than in the whole group meeting. Mr. Grammer remarked that he will not continue with the pursuit of the two action items. He stated he will continue to be working actively to further the progress of Republicans. Mr. Swanson announced the results of the Straw Vote, a copy of which is attached, noting that Scott Walker received the most votes. Nathan Smith spoke to announce that he will be involved in the future of the party with more clarity about following the rules and steps to accomplish those goals.

15. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Burton, Secretary Walker County GOP