

2007 Fannin County Republican Party

Bill Simonds, Chairman



MINUTES

January 21, 2008

Regular Meeting

Fannin County Court House, 3rd Floor Jurors Room

Board Members Present: Bill Simonds, Derek Davis, Ron Bolin, Melanie Harris, Elaine Owen, Gina Adams, Louise Little, Bill McDonald, Roy Panter, Garnett Dale, Howell Bruce, Blake Collins

- I. Welcome by Chairman Bill Simonds
 - II. Invocation led by Bill McDonald
 - III. Pledge led by Bill Simonds
 - IV. Reading of October Minutes were dispensed. Copies of Minutes were distributed.
 - V. Treasurer Reported previous balance of \$1,889.01; after disbursements, present balance is \$1253.27 (proceeds from Christmas Dinner not included).
 - VI. Polling of Precincts showed 55 present.
 - VII. Garnett Webb, Emily Dunn and Terry Bramlett, School Board Members; John Pearson, Johnny Scarce, Dane Kirby and Commissioner Howie Bruce recognized.
 - VIII. Old Business - Dispensed
 - IX. New Business - Dispensed
 - X. OTHER: Candidates Announced
 - a. Dane Kirby, SHP and Johnny Scarce, police chief, announced for Fannin County Sheriff
 - b. Garnett Webb, Board of Education member, announced for Post 1 Commissioner
 - c. Louis DeWeese announced for School Board
 - d. Harold Nalley for Blue Ridge City Council (not present)
 - e. Howie Bruce, Commission Chairman. will run again for present position
1. Election Board Members
Roy Panter described work of Election Board and responsibilities. Recommended that Wanda Collins and Evelyn Panter continue as Republican members. No motion made.
 2. Faron Barton, spent 30 years in Army, thanked Election Board for sending out Absentee Ballots. Stated that ballots were always there and he was able to vote in every election.
 3. Ron Bolin, 2nd chair, thanked everyone for coming to meeting. Gave a short summary of his educational and professional background, including being in the education field for 30 years, serving as Asst. Principal in Middle School. Ron stated that this is a critical time in our history and we have serious issues that will impact each of us. FCRP is the Grassroots level and our work begins right here in Fannin County, working together, beginning with the presidential primary Feb. 5th.

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XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Gina Adams announced that Cherokee County Republican Women is sponsoring a forum for presidential candidates January 31. If anyone wishes to attend, see Gina for carpooling information. Annual Valentine Dinner is Saturday, Feb. 9th at the HS cafeteria. Tickets available now: single \$17; two for \$30.
2. Bill McDonald urged candidates to seriously think of not participating in the Chamber of Commerce's Public Forum as candidates were often entrapped with questions they were not prepared for.
3. Kevin Harris, spoke about the good group of Republican candidates in Fannin County who are running to unseat democrats and asserted that we have a good chance of getting a Republican Sheriff and putting a Republican in Post 1 Commissioner's seat. To complete the slate, we need to find a candidate to run for Coroner. Kevin will check to make sure Shelley Bishop is planning to again run for County Surveyor.
3. Bill Simonds thanked the Board for working with him and resigned as chairman of FCRP. Kevin Harris, District Chair, took over meeting and quoted FCRP Rules, Section "G", explaining procedure for electing a new chairman in the event of a resignation. 1st Chair, Derek Davis will be Acting Chairman until election at February meeting. Exec. Comm. will meet next week (time to be determined) for Derek to appoint interim committees (must be done before convention). Derek will keep his seat as 1st Chair; 2nd Chair Ron Bolin will consider running for Chairman. In that even, election of 2nd Chair will also be in February. Executive committee members will be contacted about meeting next week.
4. Fannin County Mass Meetings and Convention will be held March 15th at the Court House. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the doors close promptly at 9 a.m. Precinct meetings begin at 9 a.m.; Convention begins at 10 a.m.

XII. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Owen
Secretary
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