

LYNCHBURG REPUBLICAN CITY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 18, 2020

At 6:10 p.m., Chairman Eric Harrison asked everyone to give attention to individuals who had come to speak to the Committee. These are individuals who will be on the ballots at the Sixth District Committee Convention on July 11, 2020. In order of speaking and the position sought, these were:

John Massoud for Sixth District Chair
Robert Cook for Presidential Elector
Jan Lowry for National Delegate
Dwight Williams for Central Regional Vice Chair
Dan Johnson for Presidential Elector
Steve Troxel for State Central Committee
Brian Triplett for State Central Committee
Jeff Rowe for State Central Committee

The Meeting was called to order by Eric Harrison at 6:47 p.m. Eric called the first Order of Business to elect a Secretary Pro Tem. Commonwealth's Attorney Bethany Harrison moved to elect Patsy Walker as Secretary Pro Tem., no other nominations. Motion passed by voice vote.

Councilman Jeff Helgeson gave the Invocation for the Meeting.

Marina Guenther led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Wendy Jacobs read the Republican Creed of Virginia.

Eric appointed Skye Riggelman and Dexter Gaines as Proxy Committee.

Roll Call – 30 present, quorum established

Proxy Report – 2 Proxies

Carla Sloan – proxy for Don Sloan, for attendance purposes only

Wendell Walker – proxy for Rebecca Walker, for attendance purposes only

Eric Harrison gave the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Treasurer Andy Morse.

Recognition of Guests: Delegate Wendell Walker, Councilman Jeff Helgeson, Councilman-elect Chris Faraldi, Lynchburg Commonwealth's Attorney Bethany Harrison, State Central Committee member Steve Troxel

Nomination and Election of:

Vice Chair of Precinct Organization – Eric Harrison nominated Joseph Norris

Secretary – Nominee Patsy Walker

Treasurer – Nominee Andy Morse

Political Director – Nominee Amber Haskew

Wendell Walker moved to elect all four by slate, by acclamation. Motion carried by voice vote.

Approval of new members:

Darlene Holland

Anne Cooper

William Cooper

Cheryl Todd

Jason Phelps

Chairman's Remarks – Eric explained how the LRCC conducted the Mass Meeting this year in view of the COVID-19 restrictions. Two applications were received for the LRCC endorsement as Republican candidate for Ward city council race in May, Jeff Helgeson and Chris Faraldi. Abe Loper ran in Ward 1, but chose not to run as Republican. In Ward 4, Chris Faraldi won more votes than ever received in that Ward. Jeff Helgeson had a write-in opponent, and worked to make sure he retained his seat in Ward 3. Abe Loper won the 2nd most votes, in Ward 1.

Joseph Norris moved to reimburse Jeff Helgeson \$400.00 and \$33.00 to Chris Faraldi. Motion seconded, passed by voice vote.

Chairman explained that he has been paying personally for facilities, materials, etc. for LRCC. Delegate Walker suggested that the Committee obtain a debit card as allowed by the Bylaws. Councilman Helgeson moved that the Committee

authorize up to \$250.00 in expenses on the debit card without the need for prior approval by the Committee. Motion passed by voice vote.

Elected officials:

Councilman-elect Chris Faraldi briefly explained how the committee can more effectively use social media, such as Facebook.

Delegate Wendell Walker spoke on behalf of the campaign for Daniel Gade, encouraging everyone to vote for Gade as Republican nominee to go up against Mark Warner in November.

Commonwealth's Attorney Bethany Harrison gave remarks regarding law enforcement and the recent riot in Lynchburg. She said the Office of CA is prosecuting those identified as participating in the riot at Fifth and Federal Street, and the fact that we had only 2 days of violence related to protects is directly related to the team effort of our law enforcement and the city in keeping everyone safe.

Councilman Jeff Helgeson spoke about the City Council's recent government meeting and ruling to impose a city curfew, without proper notice of at least 12 hours as required.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Walker
LRCC Secretary