

# LYNCHBURG AREA YOUNG REPUBLICANS

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Acting Chairman: John Sharp Jr.

Secretary: R. Mallory Cook

June 18, 2020 Business Meeting Minutes

## I. Call to order

R. Mallory Cook called to order the meeting of the Lynchburg Area Young Republicans at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2020.

## II. Vote for Chair Pro Tem

Christian Raymond made a motion, seconded by Jesse Murch, to elect Mallory Cook as Chairman Pro Tem for the duration of the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

## III. Opening Prayer

Jesse Murch opened the meeting with prayer.

## IV. Republican Creed

A motion was made by Christian Raymond, seconded by Jesse Murch, to forego the recitation of the Republican Creed for the sake of time, and it was unanimously approved.

## V. Vote to Approve Agenda

Upon a motion made by Christian Raymond, seconded by Michael Horst, the agenda for the June 18, 2020 was unanimously approved.

## VI. Vote to Approve March 12, 2020 Business Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Christian Raymond, seconded by Michael Horst, to approve the March 12, 2020 Business Meeting Minutes as presented, and it was unanimously approved.

## VII. Treasurer's Report

Michelle Payne, treasurer, reported to the club that the bank account ending balance as of May 31, 2020 was \$1,167.67. Since then, additional expenses have been recorded for the website purchases and rental of the meeting facility.

The website expenses were:

- \$7.88 - SSL Certificate
- \$31.28 – Domains for website

- \$83.99 – 1 year of website hosting

The current balance for the bank account is \$1,128.51. Membership dues have been received by several current and new members, but they are not reflected in the current balance.

After the special elections are completed, the board plans to strategize and prepare for fundraising events for the club.

## VIII. Old Business

- a. Special election procedure for Executive Board Vacancies: As Virginia is now in Phase II of Governor Northam's plan, the Executive Board recommends proceeding with the special elections previously planned as soon as possible.

The Rules Committee

Christian Raymond made a motion, seconded by Jesse Murch, that the special election be conducted on Tuesday, July 7, with the election rules to be ratified at the beginning of the election. The motion was unanimously approved.

## IX. New Business

- a. Resolution to authorize conducting of electronic meetings: The resolution seeks to cover any issues that may arise with current health and safety concerns should the club be barred from meeting again. The proposed resolution has a sunset clause of 60 days, and bylaw amendment will be considered at a later date.

Upon a motion made by Michelle Payne, seconded by Ben Murch, to approve the resolution authorizing electronic meetings.

Christian Raymond recommended that the Executive Board provide the bylaw amendment as soon as possible to ensure that the resolution does not expire before an amendment can be reviewed and approved.

The resolution was unanimously approved.

- b. 5<sup>th</sup> District Convention Results: Approximately 2,500 attended the convention, which was the highest recorded participation for the 5<sup>th</sup> District. Bob Good won the Congressional nomination for the 5<sup>th</sup> District. Melvin Adams was reelected as Chairman.
- c. Senate Primary: The republican primary for the US Senate will be conducted next Tuesday, June 23.
- d. Updates from the Executive Board: A new website has been created for the club and

is still in development. Some goals include hosting agendas and minutes, as well as other informational content for ease of access. Due to new regulations and changes on Facebook, a website is required for us to pay for and run political ads, and this will allow us to do so going forward.

Members can now pay dues via CashApp.

The Executive Board is currently reviewing banking options and implementing a reconciliation procedure for more effective accounting processes.

- e. Vote to add new members, if applicable: One interested member, Claire Debreus is present, and has paid dues. Upon a motion made by Jesse Murch, seconded by Michelle Payne, the new membership application was accepted.

#### **X. Other Business**

Christian Raymond informed the membership that a launch party for the Senate candidate will be Appomattox Inn & Suites that everyone is welcome to attend.

#### **XI. Adjourn**

Upon a motion made by Jesse Murch, seconded by Michelle Payne, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Minutes to be approved on: July 7, 2020