

OCONEE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

General Membership Meeting;
Gignilliat Community Center;
621 N. Townville St. Seneca, SC.

MINUTES OF THE OCRP MEETING

June 10, 2013 6:30 PM,

1. **Opening Prayer:** Frank Kuhn
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Charles Lutz
3. **Republican Creed:** Bill Jerome
4. **Introduction of Elected Officials Present:** None at this time.
5. **Financial Report:** Bob Skipp reporting for Phil Soper, who is on vacation. Bank balance \$1400. Paid thru end of month/June . More expenses coming in the near future.
6. **Report on State Executive Meeting:** Bob Skipp & Bill Jerome reported.

Quarterly meeting events: Chairman Chad Connelly resigned and made the decision to take a position with the Republican National Committee. He will be moving to Washington, DC. According to the State Republican party rules, state organization rule number 7(d) (3) when the State Chairman position is vacant the state exec committee can elect a state chairman to fill the unexpired term. This process was followed at the June 8, 2013 Executive Committee meeting in Prosperity, SC, and Matt Moore was nominated by Glenn McCall. Matt Moore was elected by acclamation as the new State Chairman, effective immediately. Matt Moore has served as State Director for United States Senator Tim Scott since January. He also served as the South Carolina Republican Party's Executive Director in 2011 and 2012.

Mr. Glenn McCall, Republican National Committeeman of South Carolina, reported the following: the national committee voted to keep South Carolina as being "First in the South" for primary elections. There are presently concerns regarding education and national standards; and there is a reach out for more minority and younger republicans. The State 2nd Vice Chairman, Nse Ekpo, is starting a coalition of Black Ministers/Pastors in SC in an attempt to educate them and through them their congregations about the Republican Party values. He also hopes this will be a way of reaching young people. Bob Skipp has request Nse to come one of our monthly meeting to explain his plan.

7. **Status of Building Lease and Move:** Not renewing the lease on the building. It does not make financial sense to be paying \$600 a month. The moving process has begun as well as the search for a new location for OCRP. Two (2) to three (3) locations are being pursued as possibilities. Presently OCRP has a storage unit for \$60 a month for items worth keeping. OCRP has until the end of June to move, yet Bob requested the move be completed by the end of this week. At the time of this meeting those assisting with the move include: – Frank Kuhn, Gary Littlefield, Steve Le Fevre Steve Taylor, Bill Jerome, and Phil Soper. Thank you gentlemen!
8. **July and August Meetings:** No meetings. Using July and August to get more organized, plan for booths at Oktoberfest and Applefest. Continue with work on events, fundraisers.

OCRP meeting to be held in September. Send emails to Bob Skipp with ideas.

9. **Introduction of Guest Speaker:** Bill Jerome
The guest speaker for our June 10, Oconee County Republican Party general membership meeting was Mokhlis Zaki, Known locally as “Zak”. He is an Oconee County resident and is a Professor/Ph.D. of Economics Emeritus, whose background includes teaching at Northern Michigan University (32 years). Professor Zaki is a Coptic (Egyptian) Christian, came to the U.S. in 1959 and moved to Oconee County with his wife Ellen in 2010.
10. **“Understanding Offensive Jihad in Islam”. Professor Zaki**
This presentation was a primer about the religion and history of Islam that explained the reasons for the offensive Jihad conducted by some Muslims against unbelievers; and why the majority of Muslims find it difficult to publicly criticize and demonstrate against these extremists.
11. **Q & A:** Questions were permitted following the presentation.
12. **AOB:** Bette Taylor has agreed to be the OCRP email communicator. Bette will be emailing the OCRP meeting notifications using mail chimp.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

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