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State Executive Committeeman's Report from Third Quarter Meeting held 9-30-23.

44/46 Counties were present and one additional voting member.

Adoption of agenda and prior minutes were accepted without issue. The Chairman's report focused on the SCGOP's fundraising activities and communications. It is their goal to have 1,000 training graduates to help with grassroots voting engagement. The First in South CPAC-style event was discussed. It will be December 7-10 in Myrtle Beach. There will be many break out sessions for activist training.

The three remaining legislative goals in SC are:

1. Judicial reform
2. Voter roll clean up-potential change of systems
3. Partisan voter registration

The Chairman has been lobbying support in the House (for closed primaries) and says that the biggest resistance will be in the State Senate. With the Presidential Preference Primary being in February of this year and all State Representatives and Senators being up for re-election he is pushing to have the question of "Do you support partisan registration aka partially closed primaries as a ballot referendum?" With overwhelming support of this question it can be used as leverage.

On a National and State level we want to shut the door on the following: Rank Choice voting, Using Independent firms for re-districting and open primaries. A 14th amendment lawsuit has been filed against the State Elections Commission. The person filing it has an interesting story and tried to make a deal with Drew. He stated add my name on the SC Republican ballot and I'll drop the suit...Drew sent him the paperwork along with the request for the \$50,000 required filing fee and hasn't heard back from him.

Chairman McKissick said the last Presidential debate "Stunk"! The content and the moderation were terrible. He's pushing to have Salem Media personalities who are familiar with our conservative issues moderate the November debate in Miami. There may also be another qualifying factor...have you paid your filing fees in the early primary states. SC's fee is due by October 31 5pm. So far, only Donald Trump and Ron DeSantis have paid and filled out the paperwork. He was told Vivek Ramaswamy was sending his this week. We can expect a presidential debate to be held in SC in mid-February.

We had an update on the National Initiative "Bank Your Vote". Right now you can register for this program which basically states that you intend to vote and vote early. This list would be broken down by county and used for membership recruitment and campaign targeting.

A heat map was shown with each county regarding The New Movers List. Dark Red- Dark Blue showing + or - net Republican Voters. Surprising notes- Oconee +243, Charleston, +176, Horry +1145. This was as of Q3.

State and local races coming up with potential wins/flips.

Aiken County Council had a Republican flip/win! SC Senate seat 19 Richland, Dillon County Sheriff, City of Greenville Mayor (hold), Greenville and Georgetown City councils potential flips. Coroner for Darlington County switched parties to Republican.

It is important to put strong conservatives in ALL races even if it is a non-partisan seat.

The State will be putting out video training for poll watchers, and other grassroots activism soon.

Joe Bowers, former SC chairman of the Young Republicans, won a national recognition award.

There is a door knocking campaign for the Greenville Mayor Knox and other city council members. If you wish to help please contact Greenville County Republican Party.

Next April will be the District conventions (7). Each district will elect 3 delegates and 3 alternates to the national convention. You must be a current state delegate to be eligible.

The State does not prohibit endorsements using your titles in primaries. The caution is...make sure that your endorsement does not sow more division within your party. Also, check your County by-laws for their direction. Because the State doesn't address it, your by-laws would take precedence. Many Counties are reporting negative meetings. Try to remember that you grow the party by adding and not subtracting. Stay positive!

The RNC is dealing with 60 election integrity lawsuits. The most egregious is Pennsylvania. There is also discussion about leaving the ERIC system for poll books/registration. There are many red flags regarding the information sharing and business ties.

In order to win in 2024 (nationwide) you can try to change the laws, file lawsuits when laws are broken and play the system to win. In California, the RNC will engage in legal ballot harvesting. Drop boxes will be put in strategic locations where they anticipate maximum results.

32 resolutions were submitted for consideration. Eight made it out of committee and were passed as a package without discussion. Committee Chairman Hardesty made the following statements:

1. A resolution is public statement of the body on behalf of the party.
2. He would offer assistance in how to write any resolution.
3. Any rules change would not be appropriate as a resolution. It should go to the Rules Committee.
4. Any local issues should stay within that county; they will not be considered at the state level.
5. Censures are very rarely considered.
6. The influence that a resolution has varies; timing and content is key.

The Rules committee gave their interpretations of some rules. There was much discussion especially surrounding the first vice chair allowed to vote on county matters. The majority agreed that the vice-chair is the voice of the county board and was elected by the delegates at convention. State election law 7-9-90 allows the first vice chair to vote. Some counties already allow it. It was voted to accept this interpretation as well as the interpretation of the other rules.

The Executive committee agreed to create a new committee under the 2nd vice chair which engages in the minority community. This will be led by Robert Smalls.

Several announcements were made and the meeting was adjourned at 12:05. I was accompanied by David Dial and Chairman Mann and enjoyed their company!

Respectfully submitted,

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