



**Official Minutes of the Young Republican Federation of Virginia**

*First Quarterly Meeting 2020*

**DATE/TIME:**

January 18, 2020; 9:30am

**LOCATION:**

Republican Party of Virginia Headquarters

115 E. Grace Street

Richmond, Virginia 23219

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

*PRESENT:* T. Turner, Grover (1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman), D. Turner, Trower, Hazekamp, Rapelje (National Committeewoman), Dessart, Keiser, Mosser, Schroth, Pisciarino (by proxy), Johnson, Cruey, Holman, Corsi, Hazekamp (Prince William) (by proxy), and Dixon.

*ABSENT:* Dyer, McDaniel, Crosby, Spiker, Lund, Zemanek, Harding, Flynn, Groves, Wood, Stewart, Maiorana, Sharp, Grover (New River Valley), Bellasai, Law, and Rapelje (Western Tidewater).

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A regularly scheduled Quarterly Meeting of the Young Republican Federation of Virginia's Executive Board was held in Richmond at 115 E. Grace Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219 on January 18, 2020. The meeting convened at 9:47am with Chairman Thomas Turner presiding and Benjamin Dessart recording the minutes.

**II. INVOCATION**

Thomas Turner led the invocation.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Benjamin Dessart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **IV. READING OF THE REPUBLICAN CREED**

RPV Chairman Jack Wilson read the Virginia Republican Creed.

#### **V. APPOINTMENT OF PROXY COMMITTEE**

Chairman Turner appointed Benjamin Dessart, John Corsi, and Nishant Grover to the Proxy Committee, with Benjamin Dessart as Chairman.

#### **VI. ROLL CALL**

Benjamin Dessart called roll with a quorum of members present (15 members).

#### **VII. REPORT OF THE PROXY COMMITTEE**

Proxy Committee Chairman Benjamin Dessart reported that all proxies were in order.

#### **VIII. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

The previous meeting minutes were unanimously approved by acclamation.

#### **IX. STATE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Thomas Turner gave the State Chairman's Report, including:

- Stated the Deputy Political Director will be in charge of outreach.
- Stated there has been success with the club in Portsmouth and got 15 new members.
- Commented the College Republicans have a meet-your-legislators day on January 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Discussed the May local elections, specifically in Lynchburg and Chesapeake.

The remainder of the time was given to RPV Chairman Jack Wilson for a report, including:

- Noted that the RPV Advance will be held at the Homestead in 2020.
- Discussed the technical amendments made to the State Party Plan and that the 2020 RPV Budget was approved at the last meeting.

#### **X. RPV STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

No State Central Committee Representative reports were made.

#### **XI. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Lauren Keiser presented a Treasurer's Report.

#### **XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> District Representative
  - *Motion to Approve John Corsi as 3<sup>rd</sup> District Representative:* Jessi Rapelje
  - *Second:* Ben Hazekamp
  - *Vote:* Unanimous by Acclamation

- 8<sup>th</sup> District Representative
  - *Motion to Approve Andrew Lund as 8<sup>th</sup> District Representative:* Benjamin Dessart
  - *Second:* Ben Dixon
  - *Vote:* Unanimous by Acclamation

### **XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- Miscellaneous:
  - YRFV Club Chartering Process & YRNF State Survey 2020.
  - Update of 2020 YRFV Annual Event on Mary 29-30, 2020 in Virginia Beach.
  - Discussed the creation and work of the Bylaws Committee to review existing Federation Bylaws.
- Greater Peninsula YRs
  - *Motion to Accept the Charter of the Greater Peninsula YRs:* Daniel Turner
  - *Second:* Jessi Rapelje
  - *Vote:* Unanimous by Acclamation

### **XIV. REPORTS FROM NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

National Committeewoman: Jessi Rapelje noted that Virginia is a Priority 1 target for the YRNF. The Federation has a number of goals, including 44 trainings throughout the state and supporting deployments. Virginia is given a target of 500,000 voter contacts, and it is important for each club to collect any voter interaction (e.g. canvassing, calls, voter registration, etc.).

National Committeeman: Ben Hazekamp noted that club chairs should make it a priority to recruit. The goal is to increase membership by 25%. Hazekamp also noted the Young Republican Leadership Conference will be held in Virginia March 21-24 and costs \$125 to participate. All those interested in participating should contact Thomas Turner, Jessi Rapelje, or Ben Hazekamp.

### **XV. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES**

1<sup>st</sup> District: Shared the 1<sup>st</sup> District is trying to reorganize its convention. The Fredericksburg Area YRs will have a meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm at the Fredericksburg Capital Ale House. Shared the Prince William YRs have a monthly social at Ben Hazekamp's home on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

3<sup>rd</sup> District: John Corsi shared the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Congressional Committee contributed \$200 to three YR clubs in the district.

6<sup>th</sup> District: Daniel Johnson shared that the district's focus is on growth. Noted Shenandoah YRs and Roanoke YRs have yet to meet. Commented that the 6<sup>th</sup> District Convention is the same weekend as the planned YR Convention/Event in Virginia Beach and could cause problems in attendance.

9<sup>th</sup> District: Caleb Cruvey shared their district participated in a 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rally and registered voters.

**XVI. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Jessi Rapelje noted that Jean Gannon is running for RNC National Committeewoman and that she is a fantastic candidate. To learn more, see Jean Gannon's website on her Facebook page.

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

Thomas Turner adjourned the meeting at 10:22am.

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Thomas Turner  
YRFV Chairman

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Benjamin Dessart  
Secretary