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REPUBLICAN PARTY OF LOUISIANA STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 2009

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites

501 N. Highway 190

Covington, LA. 70433

Chairman Roger Villere 81B called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. He called on Sandra Bailey-Simmons 77C to lead in an invocation. Villere introduced Matt Faust 77A to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Villere recognized George Alafoginis, the RNC's Deputy Director of Online Strategy who was visiting from Washington, D.C. He gave an informative presentation at the New Media training seminar this morning that will hopefully inspire everyone to become more active in spreading our conservative message online.

For anyone unable to attend, Villere encouraged them to check out the new lagop.com.

The chairman made a presentation of flowers to our National Committeewoman Ruth Ulrich 16A in honor of her birthday, today.

Finance Chairman Polly Thomas gave a great update on her husband since his recent heart attack. Bob Thomas got a clean bill of health at his latest check up on Thursday.

Villere called on Ulrich to give a report on LFRW representative Valarie Hodges recent loss of her granddaughter.

The chairman introduced Myra Meyers as the parliamentarian for today's meeting.

Deputy Director of Online Strategies at the RNC George Alafoginis was introduced. He spoke on the new methods to communicate our conservative message to the masses through Facebook, MySpace, YouTube and other online methods. Louisiana was the first of his 50 state meetings.

Villere introduced Louisiana State Treasurer John Kennedy. Kennedy addressed some of the problems in our state and how he's planning on dealing with solutions through the legislative session now in progress. He addressed good bills and questionable bills that

impact our state budget and thereby the citizens of this great state. Kennedy stated that we must get the budget under control and leave TOPS alone. Kennedy pronounced that all banks in Louisiana are doing well and our economy is fundamentally sound. Louisiana has enough money if the money is budgeted and spent wisely.

The chairman introduced Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Mike Strain. He was a veterinarian and rancher before serving two terms in the LA House of Representatives and is the first Republican ever elected to this office. He thanked the party for the help in getting elected and investing trust in his ability to do the job. He's reduced the department drastically in the year and a half he's been in office. As an agricultural state, we have the world at our disposal whether it is oil, cotton, soybeans, crawfish, etc. For years we didn't process our products but are beginning to do so now which opens our state to more possibilities. Commissioner Strain is showing his very conservative beliefs that are translating into more conservative policies and laws with which to run the state in an ethical manner. He encouraged pride in our country and the military that protect us and the world at a very high cost. "Don't back down to socialist pressure."

Villere introduced Representative John Schroeder who gave a brief update on the present legislative session and his stance on no additional taxes and keeping spending in check. Tough decisions must be made within the next two years or we will be in serious trouble financially in the state. He made an appeal for help in passing a .15 fee per month on cable service for use in prosecuting internet pedophiles.

The next speaker is Shannon Reeves, RNC representative for state and local development, from Dallas. Reeves' district encompasses Louisiana and he has pledged to help in organizing minorities for the Republican Party in our state and recruiting candidates for office in five specific districts. His goal is to organize the voters down to the precinct level. His experiences as a Democrat and working with leaders from that party have prepared him for the task of organizing minorities in his assigned area going from the NAACP to the RNC. Reeves is a graduate of Grambling and is focusing on Louisiana since it is his adopted home and is in his assigned area.

Buckels was introduced to bring a short presentation on D-Day, June 6. SCC member John Treen 81C is the only World War II veteran on the committee. Buckels encouraged support of the organization, Honor Air, which takes WWII veterans to the memorial in Washington, D.C.

Buckels also promoted the Southern Republican Leadership Conference to be held in New Orleans next April 8-11, 2010. The host hotel is Hilton Riverside anticipating about 3,000 conservatives in attendance to kick off the next presidential campaign. All major candidates are expected to be there. He offered a special rate for early registrants.

Sandy McDade 4B the chairman of the Credentials Committee gave the report that there are 103 RSCC members present in person and 20 via proxy with a quorum declared. There was a motion with a second duly noted and the report was accepted as presented.

The chairman gave a short report thanking the city of Covington for its hospitality in hosting our SCC meeting. The chairman then recognized Clyde Holloway 27C, the newest member of the Public Service Commission joining Jimmy Fields and Eric Skrmetta for a majority Republican on the commission. He gave a recap of the Leadership meetings that have been held around the state. He announced that since the beginning of the year Republican voter registrations are up 5,277 and Democrat registrations are down 7,190 – a net increase of 12,467 voters. He proceeded to itemize the “changes” in D.C. recently orchestrated by our new president just six months into the new administration. We must watch our own state legislature as we have just passed the half-way point of its '09 session and tax hikes are not off the table. Cigarette taxes are just one onerous tax being proposed that will have a negative impact on our state. Education is important to our state and we must find a way to finance it – not by tax hikes – but by streamlining government, eliminating duplications, cutting pork and freeing up resources by restructuring statutory dedications so that every program can compete on a level playing field. We cannot and will not tax our way out of recession. It's time to hold our representatives accountable and let them know of our opposition to new taxes.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

Villere opened the floor for nominations to fill a vacancy in 25C. The Rapides PEC recommended Gene Haymon to fill that vacancy. There was a motion with a second to close nominations and Haymon was elected by acclamation.

There were no nominations to fill the vacancies in 37A, 48B, 72A, 74C, 75A, 90B or 99.

The chair recognized Vice Chairman Charlie Buckels to present the executive committee report. There have been a couple of recent meetings of the committee. At the last meeting, the committee adopted a resolution, to present to the SCC, opposing any and all tax proposals by the state legislature. The motion passed with no opposition.

Villere introduced National Committeeman Ross Little 31A to give the report from the RNC. The next RNC meeting will be in San Diego starting on July 29. Anyone wishing to attend is encouraged and welcome to attend. The president's health care plan has not been written yet and he is calling for a vote in July of this year. Little and others on the SCC, when President Clinton was in office, made a tour around the state opposing a nationalized health care plan. Little is requesting that all SCC members let their areas know that we are opposed to this plan. There are only 2 Democrats we need to inform of our opposition, Senator Mary Landrieu and Congressman Charlie Melancon. If you are interested in learning more about how to oppose this plan in your local area, give your contact info to Little.

Buckels gave the Treasurer's report in the absence of Dan Kyle, 70C. The party has raised over \$1.1 million thus far this year and we've been operating very frugally, including consolidating our offices near the state capitol. The party is under budget as of

today.

There was a motion with a second to accept the report. The report was accepted.

Hodges was recognized to introduce the new LFRW President Argiro Morgan. Hodges first expressed her appreciation for all the expressions of sympathy and encouragement in the loss of her granddaughter. Morgan came forward to speak briefly on her plans for LFRW. Her favorite motto is "Every woman a leader, every club a pathfinder."

State Representative Scott Simon 74A was introduced to speak briefly on the legislative session and pending legislation on the state and federal levels.

Scott Wilfong 65A, bylaws chairman was introduced to give that committee's report.

2009 – 2 presented by Wilfong was an amendment to Article VIII, Section 1 to amend notice of meeting and locations. This would change the notice to no later than January 15 with 30 days written notice required for changes.

There was a motion with a second noted and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

The next item 2009 – 3 was a housekeeping item presented by Wilfong amending Article XIV, Section 2 removing the final mention of "roll call" vote from the by-laws. After a brief discussion there was a motion with a second duly noted and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

2009 – 4 an amendment by Alan Seabaugh 5D is in regards to Article IX concerning removal of SCC members. After a discussion by many SCC members, both pro and con, and an offer of a friendly amendment. That failed to get a 2/3 vote. Villere was in the process of appointing tellers to determine the amount of votes when there was a motion with a second to defer to the by-laws committee.

Resolution 2009 – G by Michael Chittom 68A regarding a state convention was reported with no recommendation out of committee by Wilfong. The bylaws committee decided to deal only with the first sentence of the resolution dealing with the date of the proposed convention. After discussion, there was a motion with a second to defer to a special committee for consideration as the first order of business at the August meeting. Chittom and Treen will both be on the committee. Motion passed.

Villere introduced Anthony Emmons, chairman of the resolutions committee to present his report. Emmons reported that there was a quorum for the committee.

Resolution M – Anthony Emmons author refers to Card Check. It was unanimously reported favorably out of committee. There was a delay on acting on this while distributing it to the SCC for

reading. Subsequently there was a motion for unanimous consent with a second noted. Motion passed.

Resolution 2009 – B Mike Bayham concerning the TOPS plan was reported favorably out of committee and there was a motion for unanimous consent by the body. Motion carried.

Resolution 2009 – C Mike Bayham concerning a commendation for Alaska Governor Sarah Palin and there was a motion for unanimous consent by the body with a second duly noted. Motion passed.

Resolution 2009 – D Mike Bayham concerns opposition to HR 1 – Stimulus plan. Reported favorably out of committee with a motion for unanimous consent with a second duly noted. After discussion, the motion passed.

Resolution 2009 – F Henry Herford, Jr. 20B concerning public release of President Obama's birth certificate passed out of committee and recommended for unanimous consent with a second noted. Motion passed.

Resolution 2009 – H Scott Wilfong directs the credentials committee to formulate a new proxy form that does not require notarization. It was passed unanimously out of committee and recommended for unanimous consent with a second duly noted. After a brief discussion, the motion passed.

Resolution 2009 – I Mike Bayham concerning rescheduling the August SCC meeting was presented with no recommendation out of committee. There was a motion with a second to table the resolution.

Resolution 2009 – K Keith Hall 85A concerning a tribute to Jack Kemp was presented favorably out of committee with recommendation for unanimous consent with a second noted. Motion carried.

Resolution 2009 – L Anthony Emmons regards the Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2009 and was presented favorably out of committee with recommendation for unanimous consent with a second noted. Motion passed.

Villere recognized the newest member of our Public Service Commission, Clyde Holloway. He made an appeal to the members to help Holloway retire his campaign debt.

The chair recognized Malcolm Sonnier 89E to give an update on Jonathan James 89D who has been in and out of the hospital this year with a genetic bleeding disorder. James has 3 children and his wife is expecting their fourth this month. Prayers and support are requested on James' behalf. For more information there are flyers available

on Hope for Hemophilia to make a tax deductible donation to help James and his family during his time of healing.

Ulrich made a motion to adjourn with a second noted. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Lillie Brady
Lillie Brady, Secretary
Republican Party of Louisiana

8/29/09

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF LOUISIANA STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

August 29, 2009

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Premier I Ballroom

Baton Rouge, LA. 70433

Treasurer Dan Kyle 70C called the noon meeting to order and asked Rev. Gordon Atwell 64A to pronounce the invocation and reminisce about Hurricane Katrina. He called for a moment of silence on the anniversary of Katrina.

Harold Williams 29 led in the pledge of allegiance and Dominique Castille, Gary Reynolds' 43A 16 year old granddaughter sang the National Anthem.

Ruth Ulrich 16A introduced Congressman Steve Scalise who asked the committee to show respect for a fallen soldier, PFC Wiles from Hammond and his district with a moment of silence. He spoke briefly of the challenges facing our country now and of the hope he anticipates for the future with the budget, stimulus package, "cash for clunkers," health care and town hall meetings.

Tommy French 69B was called on to give the report of the Credentials Committee. There are 116 present plus 14 proxies for a total of 130. A quorum was declared.

Secretary Lillie Brady 33A was called on to read the minutes. An amendment was proposed by Barrow Peacock 6C to amend the minutes to reflect a change in the report of bylaw 2009-4 to strike the last portion of that paragraph beginning after "friendly amendment." The motion received a second and after a brief discussion the amendment to the minutes was accepted without objection and subsequently the minutes were approved as amended and distributed.

Chairman Roger Villere 80B informed the committee that the party has lost three supporters since we last met. Ricky Roberie 63; Gretchen Guillory, wife of Rick Guillory 62A and David Chosen from Lake Charles who were all activists in important ways for the party.

The chairman announced that our National Committeewoman Ruth Ulrich 16A has been selected to be on the committee for redistricting and has been chosen as an alternate to the Site Selection Committee for the 2012 national convention. Our National Committeeman Ross Little 31A has been chosen to be on the Rules Committee for the 2012 convention.

The chairman continued by thanking several individuals who have recently helped tremendously with fund raising for the party. Senator Vitter hosted a fundraiser last night

at the home of Dan and Connie Kyle that was very successful.

Governor Jindal has been helpful in raising money for the party, also. 2009 is dedicated to voter registration and with these funds we can conduct these drives and recruit conservative candidates. The party has conducted 8 grassroots/organizational training sessions to advance our conservative values. He announced that since the beginning of the year Republican voter registrations are up 6,271 and Democrat registrations are down 12,546 – a net increase of 18,817 voters. At the beginning of 2009 we had no PEC in 11 parishes and the party went out and helped organize in many of these parishes. Webster parish had 1 member elected and now has a full PEC of 15 seats. The party is looking to help in any way with organizing College Republicans, Pachyderm Clubs, Young Republicans and PECs in all areas of the state and will travel anywhere to help these organizations get started and functioning. The LFRW has been very successful in starting clubs all over the state. Our Republican congressmen have been very forthright in holding town hall meetings during this summer recess. The only Louisiana congressman who has not held a town hall meeting is Congressman Charlie Melancon-D, who has been hiding from his constituents, afraid to face them. We recognize the need for health care change and yet we do not want the change being proposed by the Democrat party. Villere thanked all who've been involved in the tea party movement and gone out to town hall meetings. He once again thanked the committee for allowing him the privilege to serve as chairman for the past several years and looks to the future for more advances for the party and the conservative movement.

The chairman introduced Myra Meyers as the parliamentarian for today's meeting.

Villere opened the floor for nominations to fill the vacancy in 5A. Caddo PEC Chairman, J.C. Allen 6A recommended Steven C. Gibson to fill that vacancy. There was a motion with a second to close nominations and Gibson was elected by acclamation.

Next is 25B. Chuck Tosten representing the Rapides PEC, nominated Wayne Ryan with a second by Ed Tarpley 27A. There was a motion with a second to close nominations and Ryan was elected by acclamation.

There were no nominations to fill the vacancies in 37A, 48B, 72A, 74C, 75A, 90B or 99.

The chair recognized Vice Chairman Charlie Buckels to present the convention committee report. The committee met on Wednesday evening and recommends that there be no state convention in 2010 considering all of the other activities planned as well as the federal elections. Discussion ensued beginning with Michael Chittom 68A. After much discussion with all amendments and motions voted down, the SCC voted on the committee report and voted to accept the committee recommendation and not have a state convention in 2010.

Buckels was called on to give the redistricting committee report. This is a very important task for the state legislature as well as to the SCC. The committee is making a motion to

take the mandate for a male and female for every district from the election code. Buckels will report on the committee progress at the next SCC meeting.

The chair introduced Scott Wilfong 65A for the purpose of presenting proposed bylaws held over from the June meeting. The Alan Seabaugh bylaw regarding removal of members will be deferred to the November meeting when there should be an Attorney General's report on this action. Wilfong reported that there will be a form to fill out for bylaw amendments to expedite the procedure. Wilfong reported that Caldwell and St. John Parishes both have new PECs and expressed appreciation to the state party for helping in this process.

Ulrich was introduced to give her report from the RNC. In June there was a Women's Summit held by the RNC to encourage and train women to run for office. Regional meetings are being planned which should encourage women to run for office around the country. The SRLC being held in New Orleans next spring should draw up to 3,000 to the event and it will attract much attention. Volunteers in specific areas of interest are needed to help on the state/national arena and they should contact Ulrich. Ulrich.ruth@gmail.com Check out the latest info on healthcare on website at ruthulrich.com Chairman Michael Steele has written a bill of rights on healthcare that will be available online. Ulrich will also be helping on redistricting for four states with Louisiana being one.

National Committeeman Ross Little was called on to give his RNC report. He has several reasons to be involved in politics. 1) Change the world. 2) Change our friends. 3) Change ourselves. 4) Change Mary (Landrieu) and Charlie (Melancon). Get up and make changes in your world. The Lafayette PEC is organizing from the grassroots level up and Little encouraged all to do the same.

Dan Kyle 70C gave the Treasurer's report. The budget is under review and is being audited at this time and some of the numbers in the treasurer's report that was handed out may be changed. There is presently a healthy balance in the bank. The party raised over \$1.44 million this year, which set a new record.

Anthony Emmons was introduced to give the report of the resolution committee. Emmons called on Dr. Al Krotoski to address his resolution. He introduced the issue of abortion in connection with the new healthcare package. His resolution reinforces the party platform of Louisiana protecting life, embryonic stem cell research, assisted suicide and reproductive services which are not part of any tax payer health care package and requested affirmative action on this resolution. There was a motion with a second to suspend the rules to be able to discuss this motion at this meeting. After discussion, the motion passed with a voice vote.

Resolution 2009-B by Emmons was reported favorably out of committee regarding the Healthcare Freedom Act. The motion passed.

Resolution 2009-O by Bayham calling on the RNC and DNC to change their

quadrennial national presidential nomination conventions from late August-early September to late July-early August. The motion passed with a voice vote.

Joe Lavigne 93 gave an update on the on-going lawsuit involving the RNC and Congressman Cao on McCain/Feingold Act.

Villere reported that Louisiana is considering filing a lawsuit against the Census about including illegal aliens in the 2010 Census and thereby keeping the 7 Congressmen for our state's reputation.

The chairman recognized and introduced the staff that helps keep the party going strong: Executive Director - MattParker, Political Director - Phillip Joffrion, Communications Director: - Aaron Baer and secretary - Karen Connolly.

Villere recognized Tore Carlberg, PEC Chairman from Calcasieu who announced that Michelle Malkin, Fox commentator will be in Lake Charles on October 23 and gave information on how to attend and/or sponsor this event. Villere reminded everyone of the raffle for the benefit of the LFRW. They are raffling a George Rodriguez numbered print that will be given away at their fall board meeting in Alexandria. LFRW President Morgan spoke briefly on how they were going to use the funds raised by the raffle. They will be using the latest technology in promoting all of the party activities and events around the state through the new website that will be generated with the proceeds.

Happy Birthday to the chairman and Dan Kyle and cake was served in the rear of the room.

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Lillie Brady, Secretary
Republican Party of Louisiana

11/07/09

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF LOUISIANA STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 2009 at 10:00 AM

Marriott Salon III & IV

Baton Rouge, LA.

Chairman Roger Villere 81B called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and asked LFRW representative Valarie Hodges 64B to come forward to introduce Rev. Tommy French 69B for the invocation followed by a presentation of the flags by a Color Guard. Taylor Huckaby sang the National Anthem followed by Harold Coates 6D with all veterans in leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

As the Color Guard exited and Veterans returned to their seats Villere thanked the Youth Challenge from Camp Beauregard under the direction of Master Sergeant Coleman for their contribution to today's meeting. Villere introduced Charlie Buckels 31C to begin the salute to our Veterans presentation which is an 11 minute video salute to all branches of the armed services. This presentation is available, by contacting Buckels, to anyone for use in properly recognizing veterans for their service to our country.

Villere introduced Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Louisiana Lane Carson who is a highly decorated Vietnam veteran. In 2008, Governor Jindal tapped him to head this department. Sec. Carson paid honor to the SCC member veterans and spoke of the services available to Louisiana veterans through his office. He has assisted the governor in honoring veterans around the state with a medal in recognition of their service to our country.

Buckels introduced the head table and then introduced Irv Magri 54 for the purpose of paying tribute to the late Governor David Treen. Magri was a longtime friend of the Treen family.

Senator Dan Claitor district 16 was present and given an opportunity to speak briefly on his short stint as a senator.

Charlie Davis gave a report on the upcoming SRLC to be held in New Orleans on April 8 – 11 and encouraged all to sign up quickly as early bird registration is coming to an end. The host hotel is full and three other hotels are being utilized for overflow.

French was called on to give the report of the Credentials Committee. There are 103 present plus 13 proxies for a total of 116. A quorum was declared. There was a motion to accept the committee's report with a second noted and the Credentials Committee report was adopted.

Secretary Lillie Brady 33A was called on to read the minutes. There was a motion to accept the minutes as distributed. The motion received a second and the minutes were approved as distributed.

Chairman Roger Villere gave his chairman's report to the committee. It was with heavy heart that he once again had to speak of losses we've had in the party since we met last. In September, we lost activist Beth Rickey and just last week we lost former Governor David Treen. In addition to remembering those conservatives lost in our party, he recognized the veterans who also serve on the SCC and thanked them for their sacrifices for our country's freedom.

Villere then referenced the recent election results in Virginia and New Jersey and proceeded to relate that LA GOP had sent our Executive Director and Political Director to aid in those victories in a joint effort with the VA GOP and RNC. These were states where Obama had overwhelming victories in 2008 and now these disappointing defeats in 2009. Moderate Democrats in Washington are supporting Obama's liberal agenda at their own peril these days. Villere thanked the committee for allowing him to serve as chairman and for the victories achieved to make a great difference in Louisiana in the past and in 2010.

The chairman introduced Myra Meyers as the parliamentarian for today's meeting.

Villere appointed Jessie Morton 50B, Vinson Serio 80A and Ron Erickson 65B as tellers for the day as we elect new committee members to fill vacancies. The floor was opened to nominations to fill a vacancy in 37A. Brady nominated Heather Johnson. There was a motion with a second to close nominations and Heather was elected by acclamation. There was no nomination for 48B. Harold Williams 29 nominated Barbara Thomas to fill the vacancy in 63. There was a motion with a second to close nominations and Barbara was elected by acclamation. No other vacancies were filled.

The chairman introduced our National Committeewoman Ruth Ulrich 16A for the purpose of giving her RNC report. She spoke briefly on her committee assignments and what we should look forward to considering the recent Republican victories. There are two new websites which would be beneficial to the whole country. They are GOP.com and LFRW.org. Ulrich told of the upcoming fund raiser at her home in Monroe honoring the PSC Commissioners scheduled for December 4 and invited all to attend.

The chair recognized Buckels to present the report from the special committee on reapportionment. Buckels report was postponed until the next SCC meeting.

Villere recognized Kyle to present the Treasurer's report. Kyle reported that the party is in good shape financially and praised fund raising efforts and conservative spending for the excellent report he was able to give.

The chair introduced Scott Wilfong 65A for the purpose of presenting proposed bylaws held over from the June meeting. The Alan Seabaugh bylaw regarding removal of members was withdrawn by the author.

Anthony Emmons 42A was introduced to give the report of the resolution committee. Emmons called on Mike Bayham 103B to address his resolution 2009Q. With a friendly amendment to tweak the wording, his resolution would call for the Executive Committee to write letters to committee members, who have been absent for either three consecutive meetings or in excess of six meetings during their term of office, asking for their resignation from the SCC. There was a motion with a second and a brief discussion before the resolution passed. Emmons called on Dr. Al Krotoski to address his resolution 2009R. He introduced the issue of abortion in connection with accuracy in reporting abortion statistics. There was a motion with a second to pass this resolution. The motion passed with a voice vote. Resolution 2009S by Emmons regarding the "Natural Gas Act of 2009," which already has five of the seven Louisiana congressmen on board, calls for production and utilization of natural gas as a preferred source of energy. With a motion and second duly noted the resolution passed unanimously. Resolution 2009T by Emmons concerning Cap & Trade was introduced. There was a motion with a second duly noted and the resolution passed. Resolution 2009U by Bayham is for the purpose of calling on Republican members of congress to block funding for the enforcement of the FDA's ban on the sale of "untreated" oysters between the months of April and October. Tonya Veazey 59B offered an amendment to encourage legislators to create a stronger health warning on the consumption of raw oysters due to the bacterial contamination that may be present. There was a motion and second so there could be discussion on the subject. After a lively discussion, the amendment was defeated but the resolution went on to passage.

Villere recognized Michael Chittom 68A who spoke very kindly of Willis Reed, a long time Republican activist who passed away recently.

Lloyd Harsch 97 was recognized and he spoke about Operation Christmas Child which is a ministry of Franklin Graham with Samaritan's Purse. Small, useable toiletry items and toys are collected and packaged in shoe boxes for distribution to needy children around the world. He had brochures explaining the program and the time frame in which it operates and encouraged committee members to become involved in this worthy ministry.

Rep. Sam Little 14A spoke briefly of how the governor has helped and encouraged the northeast part of Louisiana to move up to the 21st century through economic development. Little is the first Republican elected from his district and asked for cooperation in helping his area of the state to progress in every way.

Ross Little reminded the committee that 2010 is an important election year in Louisiana. School board members will be elected and he asked all to keep this in mind and help recruit good candidates for these offices all around the state. He's promoting the message of school choice.

With no further business to attend, the chairman entertained a motion to adjourn to the hospitality suite to watch the LSU game. The meeting adjourned at noon. **Geaux Tigers!!!**

Respectfully submitted:

Lillie Brady

Lillie Brady, Secretary

Republican Party of Louisiana

01/09/10

REPUBLICAN PARTY OF LOUISIANA STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2010 at Noon

Marriott Hotel

Baton Rouge, LA.

Chairman Roger Villere 81B called the meeting to order at 12:12 PM and asked Reverend Ron Erickson 65B to lead in the invocation

Villere introduced SCC member and Baton Rouge PEC chairman Harold Williams 29 to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

The chairman thanked Congressman Fleming for addressing the SCC members who attended the breakfast this morning and recognized and thanked Jackson Martin from GOPAC and the RNC's Shannon Reeves for joining us last night for a grassroots training seminar with over 120 in attendance on candidate recruitment.

Betty Viener 89B was introduced to announce that Anne Barnes passed away on December 22, 2009. She was a long-time member of the SCC, her parish PEC and the LFRW and was known as Mrs. Republican of St. Tammany parish. There was a moment of silence in her memory.

Tom Angers 45A was introduced to speak of Beth Rickey who was a long-time conservative Republican activist who fought long and hard against socialism before her death in New Mexico recently.

Villere introduced LFRW President Dr. Argiro Morgan and asked her to join him and LFRW representative Valarie Hodges 64B on the podium for a presentation. For the second year in a row Villere presented Dr. Morgan with a George Rodrigue autographed portrait. This one was of Governor and First Lady Jindal. Dr. Morgan graciously accepted the gift and said it would be raffled off to benefit the LFRW. Dr. Morgan announced that the previous portrait was won by a life-long Republican in Jennings and she had made a personal presentation of it to her. The painting made \$15,000 for the LFRW.

The chairman presented a Certificate of Dedicated Service for Governor Dave Treen to his brother John Treen 81C, his daughters; Cynthia Lunceford and Jennifer Neville and long-time friend Linda Talbot.

Villere appointed tellers for the day: Charlotte Ruiz 81A, Debbie Settoon 79C, Barbara Thomas 63 and Charles Carpenter 58.

The chairman invited SCC member and New Orleans City Council candidate Jay Batt 94A to temporarily preside over the meeting.

Sandy McDade 4B was called on to give the report of the Credentials Committee. There are 136 present plus 19 proxies for a total of 155. A quorum was declared. There was a motion for adoption of the committee's report with a second noted and the Credentials Committee report was adopted.

Batt recognized elected officials and candidates in attendance at today's meeting. Batt invited candidates for office to introduce themselves and tell what office they are seeking. There were three candidates for congress in district 3 in attendance. Kristian Magar, Chris Leopold and Jeff Landry spoke briefly on their candidacy. Commissioner Holloway 27C is running for re-election to the PSC in October.

Secretary Lillie Brady 33A was called on to read the minutes. There was a motion to accept the minutes as distributed. The motion received a second and the minutes were approved by acclamation.

The chairman proceeded with the election of officers. Congressman Fleming nominated Roger Villere, Jr.81B for chairman with a second noted. Villere was elected by acclamation.

Batt gave the gavel to the newly re-elected chairman to continue the meeting.

Batt introduced Myra Myers as the parliamentarian for today's meeting.

Chairman Roger Villere gave his chairman's report to the committee. At the beginning of his term in 2004 there was only 1 of the 7 state-wide elected offices held by a Republican and now Republicans hold 5 of the 7 seats. There was no Republican as a US Senator and 4 of the 7 US House seats and today we have our first Republican US Senator since reconstruction and 6 of the 7 US House seats are held by Republicans. There were 15 Republicans in the Louisiana State Senate and 37 seats in the State House and now we have 16 in the State Senate and 49 seats in the State House. In 2004 we held 2 of 5 seats on the Louisiana Public Service Commission and now we hold a majority there for the first time. Since 2004, Republican voter registration has out paced Democrat registration by 3 to 1. We generated more votes for President Bush in his re-election in 2004 than he won in 2000. We are 1 of 4 states where Senator McCain did better than President Bush in 2004. We have elected our first minority congressman and governor and have experienced unprecedented growth as a party. Villere thanked all of the SCC members, the parish PECs and all of the Republican clubs around the state for their efforts in making all of this progress possible in the past six years.

The chairman opened nominations for vice chairman. Harold Coates 6D nominated Charlie Buckels 31C with a second noted and a motion to close nominations. Buckels was elected by unanimous consent. Buckels thanked the committee and encouraged all to continue their work in accomplishing what's been done in the past six years. He remembered Dale Sisley who passed away recently. He was active in the military during the Cuban missile crisis and was responsible for keeping us safe from harm during that time in our history.

Nominations were opened for treasurer. Lenar Whitney 53B nominated Dan Kyle 70C for reelection with a second noted. There was a motion to close nominations. Kyle was elected by unanimous consent. Kyle thanked the committee for their vote of confidence.

Nominations were opened for secretary. Barrow Peacock 6C nominated Lillie Brady for re-election with a second noted. Therese Benit 104A nominated Mike Bayham 103B with a second noted. There was a motion to close nominations with a second noted. Motion passed. Villere asked each candidate to speak. The tellers were called to conduct the election.

McDade gave an update by the credentials committee to show 137 present with 19 present by proxy for a revised total of 156.

Myra Meyers was introduced as the parliamentarian for today's meeting.

The chairman introduced our National Committeewoman Ruth Ulrich 16A for the purpose of giving her report. She related that former National Committeewoman Representative Kay Kellogg Katz'16B husband is in very serious condition and requested that the committee keep them in their prayers. She proceeded to give her report on the RNC and the upcoming winter meeting and the work ahead of the party in maintaining our conservative base. If there are suggestions and concerns, please send them to Ulrich before the RNC meeting so that they can be addressed.

Dr. Argiro Morgan, president of LFRW was introduced to speak briefly on upcoming business. She recognized all LFRW members in attendance. All members are encouraged to become involved in upcoming elections as volunteers. LFRW is co-sponsoring the SRLC and will have events for members in conjunction with the SRLC events that will be scheduled. LFRW is planning to have a birthday party for Governor Jindal.

Charlie Davis was invited to update all on the upcoming SRLC event. Governor Sarah Palin is a confirmed speaker at this kickoff to the 2012 Presidential election. Please spread the word and you can find out confirmed speakers and you may register online at www.SRLC.com.

Villere called on teller chairman Charlotte Ruiz to give the secretary election results. She announced that there were 128 votes for Brady and 26 votes for Bayham declaring Brady reelected as secretary.

There were no nominations to fill vacancies on the committee.

The chairman called on Treasurer Dan Kyle to present the budget for approval. The budget is a stand-still budget and he moves for adoption. There was a second duly noted and the motion was adopted by a voice vote.

Villere proceeded to give his report as chairman. He thanked the committee for the honor of serving them and for their individual service to the party and candidates as we work together for our shared values as we seek to build a conservative base and

conservative leadership. We kicked off some great programs to lead up to success in 2010. Communication, networking and overall grassroots training to bring us together will bring success in the upcoming elections. Information on redistricting and leadership was distributed in regional meetings. The state party has been actively involved in organizing and establishing PECs in parishes around the state. Learning about the new media with e-mail, Facebook, twitter and web sites have been vital in communicating our message to the masses. Voter registration has been unprecedented in that as of the latest report for 2009 shows the Democrats have lost a total of 16, 292 voters while the Republicans have welcomed 11,195 new members showing a swing of almost 28,000 voters. Yes, 2009 was a great year and yet we can't let this cause stagnation and keep on working actively to fight for our values and build our conservative party. In 2010 we have plans to recruit more Republicans; we continue to stand by our governor to protect small business and individuals. We plan to work diligently to reelect our congressmen and PSC commissioners and elect a conservative to represent district 3 so that we can have 7 of 7 US representatives. We need to send "blue dog" Charlie Melancon home. Victory 2010 is our motto.

The chair introduced Scott Wilfong 65A bylaws committee chairman. He announced that the April 24 meeting will be the yearly meeting where bylaws will be considered and amendments must be submitted 30 days before the meeting to be considered.

Anthony Emmons 42A was introduced to give the report of the resolution committee. Emmons reported that the committee met and had a quorum and considered two resolutions. Resolution 2010B concerns the "No Cost Stimulus Act of 2009" which was authored by Senator David Vitter. It urges all 7 of our Congressmen and Senator Landrieu to co-sponsor the adoption of this bill. This passed out of committee favorably and was passed by acclamation by the SCC. The second item was 2010C authored by Michael Chittom and amended to read: "Whereas the Greater New Orleans Republican organization endorsed a Democrat. Whereas this action will cause harm in the conservative movement in the state of Louisiana, Whereas this action only supports Pelosi, Reid, Landrieu and Obama, Be it resolved that the Republican Party of Louisiana condemns this action and urges this organization to withdraw its endorsement." There was a lengthy discussion. The chairman asked the tellers to assist in a standing vote for these amendments. The amendment was accepted with a vote of 80 to 40 and became Resolution 2010D. The resolution then was passed with 59 voting for and 54 against. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2010C was resubmitted to the committee as reported out of committee. "Whereas we believe that Republican organizations should not endorse Democrats in elections where there are Republicans on the ballot. Be it resolved that the Republican Party of Louisiana encourage Republican Organizations limit endorsements in such elections to Republicans only." The motion received a second and passed with a voice vote.

With no further business to attend, the chairman entertained a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 2:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Lillie Brady

Lillie Brady, Secretary

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