

April 2023 Secretary Report

April 27, 2023, the York County Republican Party was called to order by Larry Barnett, chair. Jesse Enns, gave the invocation. Larry Barnett gave the Pledge of Allegiance. Larry Barnett led the SC Republican Creed.

Sheriff Kevin Tolson spoke about Homeless camps and the rising issue of trespassing. Working on getting an ordinance put in place to deter people from setting up camps on private properties.

Sheriff Tolson also spoke about the Fentanyl OD's happening in our county. We are losing kids and we need legislation in SC to punish the traffickers of fentanyl, Bill S209. There are currently 2 bills that have passed. One in the House and one in the Senate. They just haven't agreed on which one to use. The Sheriff will send the Bill #s to Larry for us to reach out to the Representatives to get a bill passed.

Linda Fisher discussed: 17 library books were identified as LGBTQ and unsuitable for children.

- S39 passed the Senate now in Committee in the House.
- School Consolidation Bill was dead in Committee.
- ESA - Resolution of all SC schools to teach Phonics

Tim Steele - played an audio of Steve Bannon "Precinct Strategy"

Larry Barnett discussed the following:

- Election Results announced
- Introduction of officers
- Future Plans - wanting closed primaries, be able to select candidates we want to support, paper ballots, school choice, and election integrity.
- Organization - discussed the different committees that we have in place and the ones we still need
- We also need the ability to livestream meetings with Rumble and Zoom, classes on Bylaws and Re-org works.
- State Convention appears to be 5/20/23 in Lexington, SC although no official announcement by SCGOP yet.
- Need one person to be the York Co point person to work with Laura Scharr on Election Integrity.
- Constitution Class being held on 5/2/23, 5/23/23, and 6/6/23 at 6 pm 125 Main St, Chester, SC.
- 2nd Amendment tour on 5/10/23 at 6:30 pm 125 Main St, Chester, SC.