

NEW KENT COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE (NKCRC)

Regular Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: Providence Forge Recreation Center

Carriage Road, Providence Forge, VA 23140

January 13, 2026, at 7:00 pm

1. **Call to Order and Welcome:**

Mr. Jake Westbrook, Unit Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

2. **Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and RPV Creed:**

a. **The Invocation was led by Pastor Wayne Mead**

b. **The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Jake Westbrook**

c. **The Republican Creed was read by Mr. Jake Westbrook**

3. **Quorum Declaration:**

a. **Mr. Jake Westbrook appointed the following individuals to the Proxy Committee:**

Joni Gant and Ginny Kelm

b. **The Proxy Report yielded the following information:**

148 approved members: 25% = 37

56 members in attendance

57 Attendance proxies

4. Approval of Minutes:

Mr. J. B. Benson moved to dispense with the reading of 10/21/25 minutes. Mrs. Laura Ecimovic seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Aarron Hawkins moved to dispense with the reading of 10/21/25 minutes. Mrs. Chyenne Hawkins seconded the motion. All in favor.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Dr. George McBeath offered the Treasurer's Report which yielded the following information:

\$9,632.76 - starting balance

\$ 945.00 – deposits

\$2,636.20 – disbursements

\$7,941.56 – ending balance

6. Membership Update/Election of new members:

Mr. Leonard Erquiza offered the following membership update:

222 members

148 voting members

74 associate members

Mr. Leonard Erquiza reported that the following individuals/associate members were present tonight for NKCRC unit membership consideration:

Michelle Nash

James Nash

Sam Endicott

Mrs. Ginny Kelm moved to accept these individuals as new members. Mr. Bill Wood seconded the motion. All in favor.

7. Fundraising Report:

Mrs. Ginny Kelm gave a brief update on the Gala. She also requested volunteers to assist at the various polling sites. Chris and Ginny Kelm reported that a \$3500 donation was given to the current candidates running for office.

8. Recognition of Elected Officials:

Laura Ecimovic, Commissioner of Revenue

Charles Evelyn, Treasurer

9. New Business:

Mr. Jake Westbrook, Unit Chairman, addressed the upcoming Reconstitution. Pat Bell, Laura Ecimovic and Ginny Kelm were appointed to the Reconstitution Committee. Pat Bell gave an informative report on the three methods of reconstitution and explained the reconstitution process. The three methods are as follows:

Mass meeting

Canvass

Convention

Mrs. Carrie Evelyn made a motion to use the Convention method for the reconstitution process. Joni Gant seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Reconstitution Committee will meet and schedule dates for the Convention and the prefiling.

Mrs. Laura Ecimovic, Commissioner of Revenue, spoke about the real estate reassessment. She explained the process her office uses to come to the new assessments, the right of appeal and how to use this

process and also the class she teaches concerning real estate assessments and appeals.

Mrs. Ginny Kelm recognized the 2025 volunteers and presented Pat Bell and Wilma English with pins for their volunteer work. Mrs. Kelm also spoke about the November election and that the New Kent Republicans showed up, voted and were able to secure New Kent votes for all Republicans across the board. Mrs. Kelm requested that we have more volunteers and asked that anyone interested sign the volunteer sheet in the lobby. Mrs. Kelm also spoke about the need for sub-committees and asked for volunteers to serve on those committees. She also requested that members sign Rob Wittman's petition in the lobby to run for office.

10. Adjournment:

John Lockwood moved to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer Hall seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned.