



New Kent County Republican Committee (NKCRC)
Regular Committee Meeting
Tuesday, Sept 8th, 2026, 7:00 P.M

Call to Order and Welcome

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- Recognition of Elected Officials present
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 - More signs available
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- **Amendment 1** - abortion, reproductive rights, no accountability/safety standards
- Marriage **amendment 2** listed - this will allow separation of sex and gender - allowing any adults
 - Reach out to neighbors / friends to ask if they are aware and share informed information with them.
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Reports

- **Fundraising Report** - Wayne - shift gala to q1 2027, for remaining year focus on signs, possibly via silent auction to raise funds, NKC Parks and Rec has upcoming event at Pine Fork Park (not as fundraiser, but for exposure to community).
- **Treasurer's Report** George - opening July 30 10,235.14 Closing Aug 31st 10,042.14
 - Voting on budget will be next meeting - handouts of proposed budget passed during meeting in October
 - Budgetary expenditures \$193.00
 - Rec Center \$90

- Proclaiming Grace: \$55
- IONOS" \$23
- Constant Contact: \$35
- **Membership Report** - Ginny - current 137 members adding 6 in October.
 - Need to bring guests if possible to next meeting in October - they can meet Rob - invite
 - Recruiting to start a new "Young Republicans" chapter in the highschool. Wayne is looking for teacher sponsors. Particularly 9th and 10th grade.
 - Jenna Bash feedback - great feedback for us supporting the community - raised \$120 - gave 50% back to proclaiming grace
 - Focus on how we can reach other people within the community - upcoming trunk or treat as a unit

Old Business

- Approval of July 30, 2026 Minutes - moving to October meeting for approval

New Business

- Budget Approval Committee Update and Vote for Approval
 - Vote in October meeting
- Audit Update- Audit committee members were not in attendance and will be presented in the October meeting.
- Update on Signs (some signs will be available)
 - Ask for of \$1200 for signs - yard signs, 200-300 signs and 4x4 signs ASAP prior to budget approval
 - Simple VOTE NO 100-200
 - Rob / Bert combo signs
 - Motion made: John Lockwood, Michelle Nash 2nd
- Member request: The Family Foundation - lets get them on Facebook - PDF flyers - posted on the Website for NKCRC page as well.
- John Lockwood thanked us for support at Jenna Bash and for support to proclaiming grace food pantry - open last week Tues/Wed and Thur
- **Application for Corresponding Secretary**
- Election of New Members (October)

Adjournment 8:1- John Lockwood and Jim Nash

Follow-Up / Action Items

Action Item	Responsible	Target Date	status
Form Scholarship Committee	Ginny Kelm	Before September meeting	
Recruit committee volunteers	Ginny Kelm	Ongoing	6 new in Oct
Recruit Corresponding Secretary	Chair	Ongoing	
Complete Audit Committee review	Laura Ecimovic & committee	Complete	October report
Finalize committee budget	Budget Committee	Complete	October - vote
Prepare educational literature on constitutional amendments	Outreach Team / Family Foundation collaboration	Ongoing	Publish Family Foundation information on FB and our website, make shareable
Organize neighborhood engagement teams	Executive Committee	ongoing	October Trunk or treat
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- [Application for Corresponding Secretary](#) – Chairman Chris Kelm notified the unit members we are still in need of this executive committee seat and invited applicants.
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