

STAFFORD COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD

MINUTES THURSDAY JUNE 27th, 2019

The Stafford County Electoral Board met at the office of the General Registrar located at 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford, VA 22554. Marie called meeting together at 9:05 AM. Roll call Marie Gozzi, Chairman, Jim Minor, Vice-Chairman, Gloria Chittum, Secretary, and Greg Riddlemoser, General Registrar.

Chairman Gozzi made a motion to move to 5C, appraisal of Precinct Leadership, Gloria seconded and all voted in favor. Marie moved we go into closed session to discuss 5C. Jim seconded and all voted in favor. The Chief of the Precinct in question and another precinct worker, were there to present what happened in the precinct on June 11, 2019. The worker stated it was s/he and the Assistant Chief who had been discussing their disdain for this President, the Chief was not involved. At this time we were presented a letter to us signed and dated by the Assistant Chief who stated it was s/he and the other Precinct worker who were talking quietly, not the Chief. It had been reported to us this was not the first time this had happened. It had happened in the November 2018 election. When this was said, the Precinct worker replied they have never done this before. They had been too busy. Jim asked the Chief what his/her duties as Chief were, and the Chief replied s/he should have stopped them before receiving the phone call from Jincy. Jim stated at this time, "When you walk into a Precinct, you are no longer representing yourself. You are representing the Court so you do not discuss anything except the election of that day." We then thanked them for coming before us and excused them. At this point Gloria requested we have Jincy come in and let us know how it came about that she had to call the Chief to stop the conversation going on regarding politics. She advised us that one of the other Precinct workers had texted and said that a lot of political chatter was going on. This is when she called the chief and advised him/her it had to stop. The same worker texted her again stating it had quieted down for a while then started again. S/he also said the Chief had allowed the Assistant Chief to leave the precinct to vote in another precinct and go get lunch, both of these are against policy, and everyone working inside a precinct knows this.

Marie returned to open session at 11:00 AM for further business and to make a decision on sending a letter to the Chief on June 17th 2019 letting him/her go regarding his/her involvement in the discussion of politics in the precinct. We now have further information including the letter from the Assistant Chief that this did happen. Marie said she would be sending a draft letter to the office by Saturday for us to review and make changes to. She would then redo a letter we could all sign and send to the appropriate people. We all voted in agreement.

Gloria proposed we should separate Canvas from Precinct evaluations which we have been doing in the past, and we should as the Electoral Board know what is going on in the precincts on election day as precinct workers are the Board's responsibility. All agreed with this.

Old Business: none

New Business: Marie talked about the training we just attended in Richmond.

Jim questioned if Anna should be included in reviewing the letter to be sent all agreed she should be since she is our new Registrar.

Marie also brought up that there should be some type of sign at a precinct where you have nothing to vote for, like at one precinct we had this June, stating you do not have anything to vote for today. Although we had the precinct staffed.

Also we would like for the chiefs to evaluate their workers so we need a form for that.

Greg advised us that the State Board had a coin toss as to how names would be on November Ballot and the Republican Party names will appear first.

Marie made a motion for the meeting to adjourn, Jim seconded, all voted in favor. At the close of the meeting, we then did Greg's evaluation, met with him and went over it with him. All of us signed it. This was his last meeting with us, and we all wish him well.

Sincerely Submitted



Gloria Chittum, Secretary