



PCRCP Newsletter

Library Resolution Update:

On September 5, the PCRCP resolution regarding the Pickens County Library Director and Board was presented to the regular meeting of the Pickens County Council. There were two speakers who were concerned about what they perceived as possible “book banning,” but the PCRCP resolution was well-received by the audience. It was stressed that it was the responsibility of the board to exercise oversight of the library (and the director) and the council was asked to empower the board to do their job: requiring a vote to approve the director’s plans would cement the role of the board.

Stephanie Howard, the director, has emailed at least one of our members saying that there is no requirement for the board to vote; she does not feel she needs any approval before scheduling events.

That is why Stephanie scheduled Jason Reynolds, the author of *Stamped*, to attend a Hampton Branch book signing shortly after the school board removed his book from the school district libraries. And that is why there have been some very questionable movies shown at the library. However (and this is important!), the SC Code of Laws states that it’s the board members who are responsible to “employ a chief librarian.... acquire books and materials....and take any actions deemed necessary and proper by the board to establish, equip, operate, and maintain an effective library system....” In other words, the board’s responsibility is oversight – the director does not have free rein. What are the next steps for PCRCP?

“We the People” need to actively recruit new members for the library board – members who will stand firm and not be tempted to give in or to rubber stamp the

director's plans without careful consideration. There are three seats open NOW: one in the Clemson area (Councilwoman Linville Claiborne's district), one in the Six Mile area (Councilman Chris Lollis' district) and one in the Liberty area (Councilman Roy Kostner's district). If you are interested in one of these roles, please fill out the application on the county web site and make sure that you contact your councilperson personally. We must have people on the board who will exercise their lawful authority. 2. PCRCP members need to attend and observe the library board meetings. There may/may not be an opportunity to speak, but it's imperative that we are aware of what's discussed, and we need to support our own Danny Parton, Executive Committeeman from East Pickens and a member of the board, as he encourages careful consideration and discussions in the meetings.

Farms Days Spells Recruiting Success!

Along the Dacusville Highway lined with Stars and Stripes flying high, Pickens County Republican Party scored a membership recruiting win at this year's Farm Days event.

No local event better captures the essence of the American spirit of rugged individualism, self-reliance and patriotism than local farmers and community members coming together at Farm Days.

This year's event drew record attendance, creating the perfect precinct membership recruiting venue for PCRCP. Located near the entrance and decked out with America First bold Red White and Blue, foot traffic in front of the our booth was steady throughout the weekend.

Experience teaches us that one new America First patriot trumps a room full of

new RINO's. So this year, we tweaked recruiting strategy a bit, seeking those taking initiative on their own to visit the booth - rather than selling our message directly to the crowd.

As a result, we had the pleasure of meeting 20 folks speaking the America First language. The vital step of final vetting and onboarding follows. The importance of transitioning prospects to active precinct membership cannot be over stated. Recruiting is not "done done" until prospects are plugged into an active AF precinct and/or helped to get their unorganized precinct off the ground. I cannot think of a more delightful way to spend a summer afternoon than with friends and meeting new people - all united by a desire to take our Party and Country back to its tradition values. Sincere thanks goes to Neil Garrick, Teri Swann, Jacque & Tim Bruce and Melanie & Rick Synakowski and Bob Fetterly for manning the ramparts at this year's event.

Help keep the recruiting spirit shining brightly throughout the year by leveraging your existing relationships with friends and family members. Encourage those you know and trust to become active precinct members and/or by visiting Pickens-SC.GOP.

Never give up - for it is only through human agency that we can make a difference.

God Bless America!

Rick Synakowski, Pumpkintown Precinct

PCRP's 1st Fellowship Breakfast:

On September 9th the PCRP had its 1st of many fellowship breakfasts/gatherings. With all of the negative things going on around us, what a better way to take a breath of fresh air and get to know who you are working beside in the fight for our rights, our families future's than to sit down and break bread together, talk and find common ground other than our political stance than sitting around sharing a meal.

These kinds of events are the kind that is duly needed and each person should find time to attend. There is more to life than Fox news or Newsmax! What I going on in our neighborhoods, and surrounding communities are so important and getting to know your neighbor that lives maybe 10 minutes away or across the county could be extremely beneficial in that common ground you share could allow you someone to call and or work with to help out in the fight you are taking on. Comradery is beneficial and vital to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Be looking for the next one to be real soon and come join us for good food, conversation, and most of all the growth from the fellowship!

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