



Cumberland County



Republican Committee

October 3, 2019

Chairman's Update

Dear Committee Members:

1. Sunday night was an historic night for our Committee. The Committee was put to the test in having less than 72 hours to find a replacement candidate for Kirk Sohanage and it came through with flying colors. Not only did we select Carrie Hyams to replace Kirk after 4 hours of deliberations, but how we structured and planned our meeting resulted in NO CHALLENGE from either the Dems or the Dem controlled State Bureau of Elections. Although the Commonwealth Court Order provided an opportunity to challenge what the Committee did on Sunday, we turned square corners and followed the Court Order, our Bylaws by obtaining a quorum and a 2/3 vote to suspend our Bylaws, had Rules of the Day and procedures in place for each judicial candidate to ensure Due Process, and on Monday afternoon spent time with Republican State Committee at its offices on State Street to make sure the paperwork to support Carrie's replacement of Kirk on the ballot was perfect and that minutes existed from our meeting on Sunday to support what we were doing. Special thanks to Theresa Meyrs and Sherri Chipppo for spending part of their day in Harrisburg in order to ensure Carrie's place on the ballot. We also got to know Carrie better too!

2. Since Sunday, and probably as a result of the excitement caused by our meeting, we have added 7 new committee members. Appointment letters are in the works. We now have over 190 Committee people, compared to 110 in February. Please continue to provide us with names of qualified candidates so we can either fill in vacant spots or add to our volunteer list.

2. The Finance Committee will schedule its fourth meeting and continues to add additional members and financial contributions. We have contributed \$1000 to each candidate's campaign and now that Sohanage is out and Carrie is in, can print a color slate card for door to door operations, for mailings to Super Voters, and for handout on Election Day. The Committee will be paying for two mailings and for Facebook advertising, something that has never been done by this Committee. Our Committee should be proud of what it has done financially to support our candidates.

3. Our next focus is on the Governor's Club and it will be one of our main fundraising vehicles for the Committee. We had almost 2000 glossy brochures printed and mailed them to each Committee person and every person on our mailing list. Please view and download the new brochure here.) There is now significant value associated with being a Governor's Club member and we encourage every CP to join and encourage others to do likewise. Our fundraising has been outstanding, and I am quite confident that we will be able to fund our mission for the immediate future and thereafter. We will continue to build our Finance Committee with qualified individuals.

4. We are tracking attendance at our committee meetings, and failure to attend in accordance with the bylaws will result in the opportunity for new persons to serve on our committee. We have a number of individuals who would like to be CP's that are being blocked by others who do not materially participate in our Committee and do not attend meetings. A Notice will be going out next month to purge those CP's who do not perform their duties.

5. IMPORTANT! We have received lists of Republican voters who have recently moved here for each precinct. Those lists will be distributed to each CP for follow up. We expect every CP to get these Republican transplants registered Republican and will provide forms and technical assistance. Nate Silcox is tasked with coordinating this project and getting these new voters registered and will be asking each CP in his/her Precinct to register those voters who live in their Precinct. Please contact Nate with questions.

6. Committee Member Training is scheduled for Thursday October 24 from 6-9pm at the barn. The presenters and materials that will be provided are excellent and well worth the price of the free admission and every attendee receives a wooden sandwich board for use at the polls. We will have the free sandwich boards available for each person who attends on October 24. Please make every effort to attend.

7. We have purchased 1000 Donald Trump 2020 lawn signs and are selling them at Committee and County Events for \$5 a sign. All proceeds from the sale of the signs will go towards supporting the efforts of the Committee, so please support us and yourself. We will have the signs available at all of our upcoming events. Anyone who commits to putting signs out for all of our candidates will receive a free Trump sign. We have also purchased Donald Trump coffee mugs and calendars for sale by the Committee. Thanks to Rick Reighard for alerting the Committee to that opportunity.


8. If anyone is interested in being on the Municipal/School Board Outreach committee, please let Rick Reighard or us know and we will get you actively engaged. Rick can be reached at wreighard@aol.com

9. Please attend our Fall Dinner, which is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8 at the Penn Radisson beginning at 7 pm. Sharyl Attkisson is our guest speaker and is nationally recognized as an author and news reporter. CP's can attend at our cost as part of our effort to thank you for all that you do for the GOP. Invitations have been sent out to every CP, so please make this a priority and help us in making this a successful event that we all can be proud of. We want you to attend and be a proud supporter of everything the CCRC is doing! All proceeds from the Fall Dinner go towards our Committee.

10. The Committee has made an offer to purchase office space on Hanover Street in Carlisle for a new Cumberland County Republican Committee headquarters and IF our offer is accepted , we hope to move in PRIOR TO November's election. Members of the Advisory Board, our Officers, and our Finance Committee looked at a number of spaces in Carlisle and concluded that the space on Hanover Street was too good to pass up. There will be an opportunity for the CCRC and the Trump Campaign to share office space, volunteers, and a possible Executive Director beginning in 2020. We WILL have a permanent home in Carlisle, where we need to be. We will use our new headquarters for Committee meetings, for volunteer work, for Voter Registration, for fundraising and events, and for use by our candidates. Many thanks go to Mike Adler, one of your fellow CP's, for providing us with the opportunity to potentially purchase a party headquarters in the heart of CARLISLE.

11. Our Committee has done some wonderful things the past few months and we have quieted down the naysayers who said our Committee was broken and disjointed. If Sunday night is any reflection of where this Committee stands, I would say that this Committee is as united and stronger than ever. Thanks to every one of you who were responsible for making that happen.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lou Capozzi", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Chairman