Emerald Coast Republican Liberty Caucus
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Sherry Chapman Called the Meeting to Order
George Oedsma Prayer
George Oedsma Pledge

✨ Summary

The meeting addressed major issues concerning the Department of Children and Family operations, legislative efforts on election integrity, party endorsement concerns, and the role of churches in local governance and education. Key decisions included forming committees for community support, mobilizing advocacy for election integrity bills, tracking and supporting specific legislation, and launching educational initiatives to increase civic engagement and improve school outcomes.

📋 Outline

1. Community Involvement and Legislative Issues • 0:00:09

- Discussion on forming committees to assist Diane and address community issues related to the Department of Children and Family.
- Two bills are advancing in the House and Senate, with unanimous support during hearings.
- Concerns raised about strict DCF rules causing unjust parental rights losses, especially in cases involving medical conditions like brittle bone disease.
- Emphasis on increasing community participation and support for these initiatives.

2. Treasurer's Report • 0:05:48

- No expenditures reported for January; balance stands at $935 as of December 31st.
- No bank checks issued during this period.

3. Election Integrity Bills Update • 0:06:13

- Update on five election integrity bills; only one has gained traction this year.
- Concerns about amendments potentially undermining previous election integrity achievements.

- Ongoing discussions about machine audits and the need for transparency in election processes.

4. Ongoing Legislative Strategy • 0:17:54

- Strategizing on addressing remaining issues in election integrity bills, especially regarding freedom of information.
- Focus on building alliances with legislators and organizations to strengthen bill positions.
- Preparation for potential advocacy meetings in Tallahassee to push for legislative changes.

5. House and Senate Language Adoption • 0:22:44

- Skepticism expressed about the House adopting Senate language on election audits.
- Concerns about lack of transparency in election processes and proprietary source code.

6. RPOF Endorsement Concerns • 0:24:42

- Issues raised regarding the Republican Party of Florida (RPOF) endorsing candidates before the primary.
- Worries about rule changes potentially manipulating election outcomes, particularly Wilton Simpson's endorsement.

7. Upcoming Legislative Actions • 0:29:14

- The Trump team is preparing an executive order related to elections, possibly including a documentary on election fraud.
- Dr. Frank, a data expert, will present findings on election fraud in Santa Rosa County to local officials.

8. Legislative Tracking and Support • 0:37:31

- Attendees encouraged to use the RLC website for tracking legislation and understanding bill positions.
- Discussion of specific bills: House Bill 123 (opposed) and House Bill 45 (supported, regarding sexual offenders).

9. Community Engagement and Mobilization • 0:40:14

- Members urged to visit Tallahassee to advocate for bills and engage with legislators.
- Emphasis on the importance of community involvement in local politics and the need for more active constituent participation.

10. Church Involvement in Governance • 0:45:16

- Need for churches to engage more actively in civic matters, especially in response to local legislation.
- Importance of educating church members about political issues and encouraging them to voice concerns.

11. Fire Tax Assessments • 0:46:10

- Discussion of fire tax assessments, specifically House Bill 5041 and 4053, which were unexpectedly brought to a vote.

- Church community mobilized quickly, resulting in unanimous advancement of the bills.

12. Educational Initiatives • 0:51:00

- Introduction of 'Rebuilding Liberty,' a four-week course aimed at educating community members about civic responsibilities.
- Program designed to engage participants in local governance and citizenship.

13. School System Concerns • 0:53:21

- Concerns about school board's handling of inappropriate behavior among staff and students, highlighting lack of accountability.
- Discussion on the need for transparency and better management of school personnel issues.

14. Academic Performance Issues • 0:58:21

- Discussion about the discrepancy between student performance and school ratings; many students failing despite high school grades.
- Need for systemic changes to address underlying issues affecting student learning.

15. Community Support for Education • 1:11:04

- Call for churches to volunteer in local schools to help improve literacy and educational outcomes.
- Agreement to encourage high school students to assist in elementary schools as part of community service initiatives.

Public Link

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Motion to Adjourn Rene Johnmeyer and Donna Long

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