

RP Official Minutes for OCTOBER 28, 2017

REFORMATION PARTY, USA NATIONAL COUNCIL OF OFFICERS OFFICIAL MINUTES – OCTOBER 28, 2017

1. Present at the meeting were Council members Brian Hanley, Evan Kersten and Mark Wallace, along with Party member J. Parnell McCarter. Meeting moderator Brian asked Parnell to keep the meeting minutes, and for Evan officially to commence the meeting with a word of prayer. After Evan's prayer, Brian led with scripture reading from the book of Jonah concerning Nineveh's repentance and reformation.
2. The first order of meeting business dealt with "old items" from previous meetings. The first "old item" was a new blog post for the Party website reformationparty.org , which Brian has been composing. Brian is composing a post relating to the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, and the importance of civil leader Frederick III's protection of that reformation.
3. The second "old item" concerned finding a publication to publish the winning essay of the 2017 essay contest. Parnell indicated he was unsuccessful in obtaining its publication in the FP youth magazine, and others indicated they have thus far not found one.
4. The third "old item" was the preparation of pamphlets by Mark. Before the meeting Mark had emailed all meeting attendees the first tri-fold pamphlet. This first one is focused upon a more Presbyterian audience. It was agreed to prepare another for a more Dutch Reformed audience. Mark has a number in the works, and attendees indicated their appreciation of the progress thus far and the pamphlet already produced.
5. The first item of new business discussed was on a possible 2018 essay contest. It was agreed to raise the age limit to 21. Brian indicated he was drafting some slight revisions to contest rules, for review of officers. Parnell recommended for the 2018 contest the topic of "what is the SGP (ie, Reformed Political Party) of the Netherlands [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reformed_Political_Party], what is its Biblical rationale, and is it relevant for other nations". Parnell also recommended that the Reformation Party not move forward with announcing the contest unless the Party could find at least 5 or 10 willing contest participants. Brian was concerned about making the contest conditional upon minimum level of participation. It was decided that the officers would decide upon these matters either via email or a council meeting in December.
6. The second item of new business discussed was 2018 officers. Evan announced he would be stepping back from serving in 2018. Parnell indicated he decided to seek to serve if one of the current officers were taking a year off, so he would be seeking to serve as officer in 2018. Mark indicated he would seek to serve. Brian indicated he needs one more week to pray about the matter. It was agreed to give Party members until November 18 to indicate their candidacy for Party council office, and that if only 3 qualified members step forward then there would be no election for the 3-member

council. Parnell said he would post at the relevant websites. Evan was thanked for his service on the council this year.

7. The Council closed with prayer by Mark.