



Moore County Republican Party

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Dear Fellow Republican:

Two years ago when I became Moore County Republican Party Chairman, I set several goals for our Organization. The goals included electing Republican candidates to office, instituting local fund raising programs that would allow the Party to provide financial support for campaign needs and to recruit, listen to and work with the grass roots members of the Party. By any measure, we have achieved a great deal during my first term. I am asking for your support to allow me to continue to work on behalf of the Moore County GOP.

The record clearly shows that we were successful at the ballot box in November as Republicans were swept into office. We proudly hail as good Republicans our Sheriff, the Clerk of the Court, the Register of Deeds, three new County Commissioners, our State Senator, the State House Representative and numerous Judges.

The Party staged two Red, White & Blue Galas that raised nearly \$20,000 for use by the this organization and, at the last one held February 6th, the attendees included every elected official who serves the voters of Moore County as a large number of local leaders.. I am pleased with the results of those fund raising events and look forward to leading the efforts for the next two year.

Last year the Party suffered through the painful experience of a Republican against Republican primary fight that ended with the selection of Joe Boylan as the Republican nominee for the NC House over incumbent Richard Morgan. Unlike my predecessor, Elizabeth Kelly, who had clearly violated the Party Plan of Organization to support Peggy Crutchfield in the previous GOP Primary contest, I remained neutral as the two candidates fought for the nomination. When Joe Boylan won, I pledged my support and worked on behalf of the Party nominee in the general election.

For some time now, certain individuals without position or responsibility have been engaged in a smear campaign that has been conducted by e-mail and in the public press. They call other hard working party members disloyal and demand that they resign their positions within the organization. Some of the resignation letters have been directed at me as well. These individuals, Ed Kennedy and Ralph Redmond in particular, have been vicious in their very personal and meritless attacks on those who work to serve the Party. I condemn their statements as factually incorrect, unnecessary and disruptive.

More recently, I have had to deal with a formal complaint directed to me by a member of the Pinedene Precinct. The complaint alleges that Mrs. Kelly and a large number of the members of her church conspired to disrupt the recent precinct meeting and in order to elect their own precinct slate of officers and delegates. He alleges that she acted contrary to established rules and denied him his right to attend the County Convention as a delegate. The complainant has engaged a lawyer and has contacted the IRS.

I contacted Pastor Garrison of Mrs. Kelly's church, since it is a matter that could best be settled before either the Board of Elections or the IRS is brought into the conflict. I strongly advised that the Pastor and others of church leadership meet with the Complainant directly

An investigation into this incident is ongoing, although Mrs. Kelly has resigned as Chairman of the Pinedene Precinct. This incident seems illustrative of her divisive tactics and, frankly, I believe that Mrs. Kelly and her associates work in their own interest and not in the best interest of this Party.

In the upcoming election, I am opposed by Ged Taylor according to a letter he has written to many of you. Mr. Taylor has worked within the Party structure for some time now and has always seemed honest and forthright. Nevertheless, Mr. Taylor is a teacher at the Calvary Christian School and may well share some of the single-minded thinking of Mrs. Kelly and certain of her associates. I believe that, while well intended, Mr. Taylor would most likely be subject to direction from and allegiance to Mrs. Kelly.

I have executed my office with unity in mind and have installed many people in positions of authority knowing that we may have certain fundamental disagreements. I believe that all sides should be heard, but I do not believe that one faction should "take over" the party. Ultimately it is a broad cross-section of Republicans who should direct our organization.

I ask for your vote on March 24th.



Chairman,
Moore County Republican Party

**This letter was paid for by John C. Owen, Candidate for Re-election of the Moore
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