

# Southern Mecklenburg Republican Club

## October 2008 Meeting

### Minutes

THE MEETING WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2008, AT GOLDEN CORRAL, CHARLOTTE, NC, AT 6:30 P.M.

#### I. **Welcome**

Ken Nelson opened the meeting, welcoming our members and guests. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### II. **Club Business**

Due to the short time left until the election and the many candidate forums taking place, no candidates were in attendance to discuss their campaigns.

The Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays present some scheduling difficulties for our November and December meetings. Members agreed to meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in November, and either the first or second Thursday in December.

The idea of a Christmas party was floated, with one member asking of Steve Firestone could assist in reserving the Carmel Country Club for such a function, but further discussion settled on instead preserving the club's limited funds.

Club President Ken Nelson expressed his hope that Rick Killian, Ruth Samuelson and Bob Rucho would be able to attend our next meeting to discuss the results of the election and the new makeup of the General Assembly.

#### III. **Discussion**

As a result of the smaller-than-normal attendance, discussion was brief. Most of those in attendance expressed trepidation about the implications of the early voting turnout, which heavily favored Democrats, and the implications for the election on Nov. 4. Members also agreed that if Republicans suffer serious defeats, it will be because of a drifting from conservative values of limited government and free-market economics, as demonstrated by the recent bailout package proposed by Treasury Secretary Paulson and passed by Congress. Members also agreed that we as a party need to become much more proficient in understanding what our values are, why they're our values, and effectively communicating them to others. An informal proposal was made to draft a set of principles for our club by the February precinct meetings next year. This was received favorably, and will be brought up again in a future meeting with better attendance.

#### **IV. Closing**

After some brief discussion on what principles the club should adopt, a motion was made to adjourn, and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Love  
Secretary  
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