

Republican Women of Madison – General Meeting
August 19, 2020 at 11:30 am
Best Western Plus, Madison, AL

Sheila Banister, president, called the meeting to order. Susan Pierce gave the prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Speaker: Tommy Tuberville, US Senate Candidate, via Zoom. He said:

His campaign has made progress raising money, but hoping Jones' pro-abortion, anti-gun stance will prevent his nomination. Republicans carried 64 of the 67 districts in the last election—however, not in Madison County. Eighty five percent of his (Tuberville's) funding is coming from the people of Alabama, with some from Congressmen and Senators; whereas 85 percent of Jones' millions in monies is coming from California and New York. He said he is spending one-third of what Jones is spending.

The Democrat's party has become so socialist and far-left, that it's causing some Democrats to flip. Tuberville said we need to start speaking up for small government, less taxes, the Constitution, capitalism, and a Christian-based country built on freedom of religion.

He went on to say that we have had problems with the post office for years. Eighty five percent of Alabamians want to vote at the polls. Last election, 25 percent voted absentee ballot, which works well since ID is required.

He said the Dept. of Education was instituted by Jimmy Carter in 1979, and is infiltrated with liberals. For 20-25 years there has been no civics studies—no fundamentals of American history. About two generations have been indoctrinated into globalist thinking—unaware of our past, both good and bad. We need to protect our statues and history, not allowing mobs.

The Dept. of Education should be replaced by each states' education departments. And if college campuses continue to disallow freedom of speech, he would be for withdrawing federal funding to colleges prohibiting conservative viewpoints. Liberal education has caused the change in values in our society. Children need to attend school, if necessary, taking off for a few days, but starting back up. We need to protect the elderly, but return to normal.

Tuberville has a plan to get people back to work, but we need to save our small businesses. If elected, he has been told he will be offered a position on our Armed Services Committee, which would be good for Madison County. He is not for cuts to the defense budget.

Sheila made several announcements including the ongoing need for help at Republican Headquarters in Madison. The store is located on the 2nd floor of the Parkway Place Mall next to Dillard's. Sheila also announced the following events:

- God and Country – Rebuilding America forum on August 24. See flyer on tables
- ALGOP is hosting a watch party on August 27 on Facebook, door prizes will be given. Tune in to see Pres. Trump accept the Republican nomination
- Coffee and chat on September 12 – human trafficking subject
- Next Luncheon/Meeting on September 16

Sheila gave an update on the Madison City Candidate Forum. It was a great success with nearly 40 people in physical attendance and over 100 people online. News coverage included the Dale Jackson show, WAFF, Local Fox channel and Channel 19 news. Overall we received great feedback from local residents and candidates.

Sheila adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by Carol Wissmann, secretary.