



KOSSUTH COUNTY GOP MI NUTES
AUGUST 27, 2018

The Kossuth County GOP met Monday, August 27, 2018, at Pizza Ranch, with 24 people in attendance. Chairperson, Kathy Keller, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Todd Hartssock opened the meeting with prayer and Carl Westling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the July meeting had been previously e-mailed to everyone by Kathy Keller. Allen Brown offered a motion to approve the July meeting minutes, Wendell Stevens seconded the motion and it passed.

Kathy Keller introduced Terry Baxter, State Representative for District 8. He is running for re-election in November and he urged everyone to become mobilized on all levels: city, county, state, and federal. This November's election is a very important one! During the past year, Iowa's House of Representatives and Senate accomplished much and Republicans need to be elected in November to keep the momentum going. Campaigning has begun, but a major emphasis on campaigning will begin immediately after Labor Day. Volunteers to help him knock on doors would be greatly appreciated and information about other Republican candidates will be distributed as well as his own. Terry brought yard signs for people to take home and display.

Pam Wymore presented the treasurer's report: As of July 23, 2018, the balance was \$1862.02. Since that time a bill for the fundraiser promotional flyers, \$203.51, has been paid and the current balance is \$1658.51. Tom Cogdall offered a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Bobbie Clark seconded the motion and the treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Kathy Keller reported that over 380 people registered at the GOP booth at the Kossuth County Fair. Thanks to Tom for organizing the volunteers to staff the booth and thanks to everyone who volunteered, donated treats, helped set up the booth and helped take the booth down.

Lyle Prunty and Pat Talbot reported on Educational Outreach. Lyle distributed a handout regarding progress in this area. Lyle then reviewed the recommendations:

- Table the school youth education class for the immediate future
- Decide after the election if informative presentations should continue at the monthly GOP meeting
- Commit to setting up classes, or public meetings with specific discussion topics, at Headquarters this yr.
- Possibly organize special events with invited speakers, preferably not politicians
- Accept donations at classes and events

Kathy Keller then announced that a Headquarters has been established at 702 S. Phillips, effective September 15, and the Kossuth County GOP has to pay only for the electricity. If it is decided to offer classes or special events, they could take place at the Headquarters. Possible meeting days would be Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Thursday beginning at 7 p.m. and lasting approx. one hour. Kathy requested a "show of hands" for who would be willing to attend these classes and act as greeters and also supply refreshments. Approx. six people showed interest in this new endeavor. Pam Wymore suggested that someone could check with the Algona newspaper to inquire about a free news article being published about these classes when details are finalized. Other ideas for publicizing these events are to have them included on the Chamber of Commerce cards found in public places and to submit the information to the "Algona Reminder" Community Calendar.

After the opening of the Headquarters, volunteers will be needed to staff the office.

The Algona Band Day parade will be Saturday, September 29, at 1 p.m. and the GOP float has already been registered. It would be wonderful to have many people walking along the parade route with the float.

Pam provided an update on the fall fundraiser plans. The date for the event is Sunday, September 16, 3-7 p.m. This event will be a family barbeque picnic (rain or shine), at Wildhaven (Tietz's property). Activities could include kayaking, canoeing, fishing, beanbag toss, face painting, etc. This should be an inter-generational event. It is hoped that candidates could attend as well as Kossuth County and state legislators. There was consensus that there be a free will offering instead of a set fee. It was generally agreed upon that the menu should consist of hot dogs, brats, chips, bottled water, lemonade, SMORES. During the fundraiser, it is hoped to include a forum time for Republican candidates to speak. Wendell Stevens will be in charge of the speaker schedule. Pam stated that volunteers are needed to help with food, games, water safety, and at the firepit. Volunteers are also needed to donate bars; Pam distributed a sign-up sheet for all these opportunities. To aid in publicizing this fundraiser event, Wendell Stevens offered a motion to purchase an ad for one week in the "Reminder" and purchase an ad for one week in the Algona newspaper. Allen Brown seconded the motion and it carried. A portable speaker system is needed for the College Republicans group who will make a presentation at the fundraiser. Also, someone to act as "host" for them is needed in the absence of Lyle Prunty. Kathy Keller offered to serve as their "host" and main contact person.

The AAUW Candidate Forum will be held on Monday, September 10 at 7pm at Iowa Lakes Community College-Algona. Notification was received by Kathy to let all know of this moderated event. KLGA will broadcast the meeting live. This is an opportunity to either attend or call to ask questions to local candidates running for elective offices. The forum will last approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes.

Kathy Keller then introduced Kyle Stecker, candidate for County Supervisor in District 4 in the November election. Kyle distributed campaign handouts to everyone and spoke about his interests and reasons for wanting to serve as a County Supervisor.

Kathy Keller, also a candidate in the November election, followed Kyle by explaining her reasons for wanting to serve as District 3 County Supervisor. Everyone needs to support the Republican candidates in the November election, donating time and money to help campaign.

The next meeting will be Monday, September 24, at the Algona Pizza Ranch, 6:30 p.m.-Social, 7 p.m.-Business Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Schenk Hartsock