



KOSSUTH COUNTY GOP MI NUTES
JUNE 25, 2018

The Kossuth County GOP met Monday, June 25, 2018, at Pizza Ranch, with 21 people in attendance, including State Representative Terry Baxter, his wife Debby, and State Representative Tedd Gassman. Chairperson, Kathy Keller, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Pat Talbot opened the meeting with prayer and Wendell Steven led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the May meeting had been previously e-mailed to everyone by Kathy Keller and were approved.

Pam Wymore presented the treasurer's report: As of June 25, 2018, the balance is \$1862. She reported that only 5 delegates have paid their \$50 fees. Delegates who have not already paid their fees should prepare a check for \$50 payable to Kossuth County GOP. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

The Republican State Convention held on June 16 was then discussed. Kathy Keller reported that all went well and everyone appreciated the use of hand machines for voting. The speeches presented by Governor Reynolds, Senator Ernst and Mr. Naig were very well received. Wendell Steven expressed his disappointment that there is no Republican candidate on the ballot for Attorney General. Some other observations expressed by those in attendance include: chairs could have been spread out a little more as there was plenty of empty space in the room not being used, everyone needs to be alert for opposing view "plants" in attendance, and maybe more time needs to be devoted to writing the platforms so that they are written very succinctly and concisely and in easy-to-understand language.

Representative Gassman thanked everyone for their support and provided an update on some of the positive results from the last legislative year. The passing of the "Heartbeat Bill" was a huge success and he told us a little about how it is being challenged and that a law firm will be defending it at no cost to the citizens of Iowa. He then showed everyone a picture of his November opponent from the flyer she is distributing. On this flyer she writes about cuts in education. Tedd reminded us that during the last 8 years, there has been an average of 3% per year increase in funds allocated to education in Iowa. He asked for everyone's support for November's election and reminded everyone that it is the responsibility of everyone to stand up for what is morally right. Representative Gassman will be campaigning and participating in local parades between now and November.

Representative Baxter also thanked everyone for their continuing support and he praised Representative Gassman for his good accomplishments, especially on the Education Committee. He reminded everyone of the positive ratings that Iowa has been receiving in national publications. He is excited about the upcoming legislative session and would like to be re-elected to continue the positive advancements that have come about due to Republican leadership. It is important to keep a Republican majority in both the Iowa House and Senate. Governor Reynolds is a wonderful governor and has risen through the ranks and has been mentored well. Once a week she meets with the representatives. Representative Baxter will soon be campaigning "door-to-door" and will be represented in local parades.

Sponsoring a booth during the Kossuth County Fair was discussed. Tom Cogdall and Pat Talbott are willing to help with the booth. If others are willing to help, please contact Kathy Keller. Kathy Keller will provide Tom with a list of names for recruitment of volunteers to help at the Fair.

Wendell Steven will try to coordinate a meeting with Republican candidates running for County Supervisor in November.

Regarding educational outreach, Pat Talbot reported that he has not yet had a chance to visit with school administrators regarding a course on the United States Constitution.

Summer parades were then discussed: Todd Hartsock pulled the float in the Swea City Fun Days parade, but the float was not included in the Tintonka parade. Future parade dates include: Bancroft – July 4, 10:30 a.m., Armstrong - July 4, 1 p.m., Burt – July 14, 11 a.m., LuVerne – July 14, 1 p.m., Kossuth County Fair parade – July 31, 6 p.m., Algona Band Days – September 29. It would be nice to have a volunteer serve as “parade coordinator” to organize details.

Pam provided an update on the fall fundraiser plans. The new 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. Fliers advertising this event could be distributed at all the area parades as well as the Kossuth County Fair. Also, personal invitations should be mailed to those on the GOP mailing list.

Kathy Keller brought idea from Lyle Prunty for a July 4th event at Freedom Rock in Whittemore. GOP would do reading of Declaration of Independence. Time is not determined as of now. It was generally agreed that when Lyle made time known an email will be sent out by Kathy to give others the opportunity to participate.

Everyone needs to support the Republican candidates in the November election, donating time and money to help campaign.

The next meeting will be Monday, July 23, at the Algona Pizza Ranch, 6:30 p.m.-Social, 7 p.m.-Business Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Schenk Hartsock