

Kossuth County Republican Central Committee

Meeting Minutes 27 March 2023 (Draft)

Call to order: 7:00 pm

Prayer: Brent Owen

Pledge: Kendall Pals

Roll Call: Members present - Brown, Skilling, Kruse, B Owen, H Owen, A Studer, P Wymore, D Wymore, Pals, Prunty, Wachter, H Kohlhaas, J Kohlhaas.

Consent agenda: agenda approval, treasurer report - \$2251.94, previous (Feb) minutes add: Stacy Besch reelected to "Fundraising" chair. Approved without objection.

Chair update, discussion - Brent:

Legislative - Insights have come to me through Brad Sherman in Iowa House.

Central Committee workings, discussion - Reviewing since I became chair 8 months ago I would say we have been able to do some new things and make a difference. Bring your ideas forward and we can make a greater difference. Contacting other county chairs through RPI has proven difficult, but I continue to work on it. With new officers elected last meeting we need ideas brought forward. Think about what should be in a "Mission and Vision" statement before the next meeting.

Patriot meeting: Tamara Scott was speaker with topics including Convention of States

New Business:

Web/social media report - Josh W.: Hits on website down some. Need ideas for front page.

By-laws/recruitment - Lyle P.: Member list updated and distributed. Several not seen recently were contacted to inquire if they wished to continue. Those attending this meeting are back in good standing. New members nominated and elected: pct 15; John and Jessica Emswiler, nominated by D Wymore, seconded and approved by voice vote, note that E. Deal, current on the committee from pct 15 will be contacted. He has not attended meetings and is not living in the county. pct 9; Steve and Mary Smith nominated by Pals, seconded and approved.

Fundraising - Stacy B.: Brent reported that the decorated car parade idea continues in the works.

Parades - Wendell S.: Brent requested Wendell make a list of upcoming parades as candidates have requested that information previously.

Youth - Hilah O.: Looked into RPI groups but they have nothing for teenagers. Will focus on group outside of the schools for now. It was mentioned that Crawford County GOP had an active group.

Caucus - Jim B.: Jim wrote to Brent that so far he has done some preliminary investigation of sites. Caucus will be in Feb. Kendall P said that in 2016 with only the four Algona proper precincts there, that OB Lang was very busy. They needed numerous workers just to do the registration. Lyle P. suggested caucus be a highlighted agenda item for April as there are some required decisions to be made with respect to county convention delegates.

Goals: Most of the discussion was about an alternate location, other than Pizza Ranch for upcoming meetings.

Letters to Senators: Brent O. described letters and related that Ernst had responded explaining her reasons for the vote on the marriage bill. Ernst feels some aspects of the bill defend religious freedom.

Local officials: Josh W says the Supervisors have completed the budget work. There will be a tax hearing 04 April.

State officials: No reports

Officer elections - "Second co-chair"; Brent requested input from Wendell, who responded that he is considering how he would continue.

Other business - none.

Next meeting: 24 April, location to be determined, with Josh K investigating alternatives.

Lyle Prunty - notetaker

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