



KOSSUTH COUNTY GOP MI NUTES  
FEBRUARY 4, 2019

The Kossuth County GOP met Monday, February 4, 2019, at Pizza Ranch, with 17 people in attendance. Chairperson, Kathy Keller, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Dr. Brent Owen opened the meeting with prayer and Tom Cogdall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Copies of minutes of the October meeting were distributed to all in attendance. Brent Owen offered a motion to approve the October meeting minutes, Dennis Wymore seconded the motion and it passed.

Pam Wymore presented the treasurer's report: As of the October meeting, the balance was \$1780.25. Since then expenses of 725.27 have been paid (\$300 for radio ads, \$61.20 for utilities at the office, \$29.94 to Kathy for expenses, and \$334.13 for the pocket Constitutions), interest of \$0.16 has been received leaving a current balance of \$1055.14. Pam also reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report has been filed. Ryan Fabor offered a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Dennis Wymore seconded the motion and it passed. Pam mentioned that \$700 in delegate fees were paid by the Kossuth County GOP and only \$250 of that was reimbursed by the delegates. It would be appreciated if any delegates who forgot to pay their \$50 fee would do so as soon as possible. Everyone should be thinking of ideas for future fundraisers.

Everyone is deeply grateful to Kathy Keller and her husband for all the updates they completed on the temporary GOP office last fall.

Kathy Keller then led discussion of 2018 activities: beach party fundraiser, participation in local parades, presence at the Kossuth County fair, staffing a Republican Headquarters office during election time. Congratulations to Kyle Stecker for his election to the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors.

Tammy Eden introduced herself and stated that she will be running for Kossuth County auditor in 2020, hoping to replace the current auditor who has been there for 10 years so far. Tammy has worked in the Kossuth County sheriff's office for 19 ½ years and would be grateful for assistance and campaign advice.

Kathy then distributed information regarding 2020 Dates - Caucus to Convention: Precinct Caucuses-February 3, 2020, County Conventions-March 14, 2020, District Conventions-April 25, 2020, State Convention-June 13, 2020. Caucuses were discussed: Mandy Glawe and Amanda Studer stated that they would like to help organize a caucus in Wesley for 2020. It was generally agreed that venues should be reserved within the next 2 months for the Feb. 3 caucus. In 2016, there were 2 sites in Algona, 1 in Burt, and 1 in Swea City. Everyone expressed concern about receiving timely training for coordinating a caucus and understanding all the details. Kathy Keller will be speaking with the GOP Regional Director tomorrow.

Kathy shared that nominations for 2018 volunteer awards are due by February 19, 2019, and can be submitted online. Here is further information about that:

**NOMINATIONS CAN BE PLACED HERE:** <https://goo.gl/forms/04nJaNIYJuE5OhvH2>

The following awards are:

- Erma Christensen Chair/Co-Chair Award - For outstanding service as Chair/Co-Chair
- John C. McDonald Service Award - For outstanding volunteer service
- Nicole Jill Jepsen Youth Volunteer Award - For outstanding youth volunteer service

There will be a legislative breakfast in Des Moines sometime mid-March; details to follow. The date should be available on the Iowa GOP website.

Discussion was then held regarding the Facebook page for Kossuth County Republicans. There was a consensus that the chairperson should be the administrator of it and that it only be used to communicate the schedules and operations of the Kossuth County Republicans.

Kathy then distributed a listing of Kossuth County Central Committee members and openings that are available to be filled. A few errors are being filed by GOP and being corrected. Pam Wymore nominated Amanda Studer and Mandy Glawe to serve on the Central Committee from Precinct 11. Ryan Fabor seconded the nominations and they were approved. Pam Wymore nominated Kyle Stecker to represent GW-3 and for Brent Owen to represent UN-8. Dennis Wymore seconded the nominations and they were approved. Brent Owen offered a motion that Patricia Berte continue representing GM-4, Dennis Holmes continue for LV-14, Moni Westling continue for AL1-17 and that Kathy Keller continue for AL2-18. Ryan Fabor seconded the motion and it carried. Brent Owen then offered a motion to remove Pat Talbot from AL2-18 due to health reasons and to remove Amy Ruger from BT-5 due to her relocation and also to remove Nick Bitz from AL3-19 due to his relocation.. Ryan Fabor seconded the motion and it carried. Kathy Keller will contact other members and ask if they are still interested in serving on the Central Committee.

New officers for Kossuth County Republicans need to be elected before April 1. Pam Wymore offered a motion that an election be held at the March meeting. Brent Owen seconded the motion and it carried.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 25, at the Algona Pizza Ranch, 6:30 p.m.-Social, 7 p.m.-Business Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Schenk Hartsock