



KOSSUTH COUNTY GOP MI NUTES
JULY 23, 2018

The Kossuth County GOP met Monday, July 23, 2018, at Pizza Ranch, with 16 people in attendance. Chairperson, Kathy Keller, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and welcomed Gary Ernst, Republican candidate running for County Supervisor in the 1st District. Pat Talbot opened the meeting with prayer and Dennis Wymore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Pam Wymore presented the treasurer's report: As of July 23, 2018, the balance is \$1862.02. Pat Talbot offered a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Bobbie Clark seconded the motion and the treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Sponsoring a booth during the Kossuth County Fair was discussed. Tom Cogdall and Pat Talbot are willing to help with this. Tom will recruit people this week to staff the booth, usually in two hour (or longer) shifts. Bobbie Clark, along with Pam and Dennis Wymore volunteered to help staff it. Bobbie, Kathy, and Kim volunteered to supply cookies to be given out for free at the booth. Booth set-up will be Sunday, July 29, at 2 p.m. Wendell has agreed to allow use of his tables. There was consensus that radio ads, aired twice each day during the fair, be purchased to inform people of the presence of the GOP booth, provide information about Republican candidates and the times that they will be visiting the booth. Pat Talbot offered a motion to spend \$80 for Pizza Ranch gift certificates to be awarded as prizes at the Kossuth County Fair. Pam seconded the motion and it passed.

Lyle Prunty and Pat Talbot reported on Educational Outreach. With a new School Superintendent for Algona Schools just beginning, Lyle and Pat will wait until September to further reach out to the schools on this topic. Both public and Catholic schools will be contacted.

Kossuth County GOP presence in area parades was then discussed. The Kossuth County Fair parade will be Tuesday, July 31, at 6 p.m. As usual, many walkers are needed, there will be fundraiser promotional flyers to be handed out, and as many signs as possible will be displayed on the float, including one for Gary Ernst. The GOP float was included in the Bancroft and Armstrong 4th of July parades and a t-shirt shooter was utilized. Maybe this is an idea that can be used in future parades; prices of t-shirts will have to be obtained. The Algona Band Day parade will be Saturday, September 29, at 1 p.m., and a driver is needed to pull the float.

Kim Hartsock presented the idea of ordering pocket U.S. Constitutions to be distributed at the Kossuth County Fair and other future events. When 1000 are ordered, they cost only 30 cents each. Allen Brown offered a motion that 1000 pocket Constitutions be ordered, Pat Talbot seconded the motion and it carried. Kim Hartsock will order them and make sure they are delivered to the Kossuth County Fair. There was consensus that stickers should be applied to them saying "Kossuth County GOP".

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. Fliers advertising this event could be distributed at all the area parades as well as the Kossuth County Fair. Pam shared the three different size promotional flyers that have been printed. The large ones should be posted in public areas one month before the event (August 16). Kim Hartsock offered a motion to approve payment of the printer's \$203.51 bill for the production of these flyers. Allen Brown seconded the motion and it carried.

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. There was a suggestion that each candidate be allowed five minutes to speak to the whole group and then be available for further one-on-one discussion with the attendees. If possible, it would be wonderful to publish this schedule ahead of time. Lyle Prunty will contact the College Republicans group for their availability to present their program during the fundraiser as well. He will also check their schedule to see if they are anywhere nearby with their presentation, "Liberal Bias in the College Classroom", for those who are interested.

Discussion was held regarding personal invitations being mailed to those on the GOP mailing list. There was consensus not to send these letters.

Lyle Prunty organized the 4th of July public reading of the Declaration of Independence at the Freedom Rock in Whittemore. This would be a great event to continue in the future.

Everyone needs to support the Republican candidates in the November election, donating time and money to help campaign. Lyle mentioned that there are no Republican candidates running for county treasurer and county attorney. Possible candidates have until the end of August to file the necessary paperwork. Kathy Keller distributed a flyer that the Texas GOP is using to inform voters. Kathy is in the process of contacting people for possible GOP office space to be used in October and November. Volunteers are needed for the phone bank.

The next meeting will be Monday, August 27, at the Algona Pizza Ranch, 6:30 p.m.-Social, 7 p.m.-Business Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Schenk Hartsock