



KOSSUTH COUNTY GOP MINUTES
OCTOBER 28, 2019

The Kossuth County GOP met Monday, October 28, 2019, at the Algona Pizza Ranch, with 22 people in attendance. Wendell Steven called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Donna Steven opened the meeting with prayer and Ray Neswold led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the September 23, 2019, meeting had been previously e-mailed to everyone. Ray Neswold offered a motion to approve the September meeting minutes as submitted. Todd Hartsock seconded the motion and it carried.

There was no treasurer's report. Pam Wymore volunteered to contact the treasurer each month to obtain his report for presentation at the GOP monthly meeting. The balance at the September meeting was \$521.10.

Regarding the 2020 caucus, Wendell stated that he needs the names of the chair, secretary, and reporter for each caucus site. He does not yet know the dates for caucus training. Members of Central Committee will be voted in at the caucus.

Lyle Prunty presented a sample of a Precinct Leader Handbook that he composed. Everyone will have a chance to review it during this meeting before it is formally approved.

Wendell reported that very few people from the Kossuth County GOP showed up for the Algona Band Day parade. This is disappointing and it is hoped that many more people will be there to participate next year.

On Sunday, November 3, there will be a Veterans' Honor Event and Kossuth County GOP fundraising supper in Wesley. The meal will begin at 5 p.m. Following the meal, all veterans in attendance will be honored and then there will be eight or nine Republican candidates who will have a chance to speak for five minutes each. These candidates will be available for a "meet and greet" at the close of the event. There will also be a pie auction. Other items may be auctioned as well. Joni Ernst and Tedd Gassmann have donated items. This event will be covered by radio and newspaper reporters. Ken Clark offered a motion to spend \$50 per day on radio ads for three days (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday prior to the event) totaling \$150. Eldon Jorgenson seconded the motion and it carried. Wendell offered to sign the necessary papers to make this happen.

Wendell has been in communication with the newspaper regarding a regular column which would feature history notes and questions. Wendell asked for volunteers to help furnish these history questions. Mandy Glawe and Kim Schenk Hartsock offered help with this and will send questions to Wendell for forwarding to the newspaper.

The Lincoln Day Dinner will be November 11 at 6 p.m. in Des Moines. Anyone who wants to attend should let Ken Clark know. Five people are needed to go to obtain tickets for \$75 each (five would fill $\frac{1}{2}$ table).

Ken Clark explained about the "Electric Float Parade" to be held in Algona on December 2 from 6:30-8 p.m. Each individual organization would park their lighted float for people to see. Anyone interested in helping with this project should contact Ken or Wendell.

School Board and city elections will be held on Tuesday, November 5. Remember to vote!

Anyone interested in purchasing a Trump hat, please contact Wendell. If Wendell can order more than 10, the price will be \$5/hat.

Discussion was then held as to who should be able to post on the Kossuth County GOP Facebook. It has been previously voted on to post only Kossuth County GOP activities and pertinent information. Currently, Ken and Mandy have rights to post on Facebook. There was consensus to continue that only Ken and Mandy will post on Facebook. Mandie Studer volunteered to contact the radio and newspaper to publicize future meetings for Kossuth County GOP.

After everyone had a chance to review the Precinct Leader's Handbook as submitted by Lyle Prunty, there was a suggestion to add a map of Kossuth County outlining the precincts. Lyle will add a county map and a map of Algona, outlining the precincts. Todd Hartsock offered a motion to accept Lyle's handbook, Ray Neswold seconded the motion and it carried.

A Kossuth County GOP office space will be needed by late summer at the earliest; everyone please be thinking of possibilities. Also, everyone needs to be thinking about people to possibly fill the Kossuth County GOP chairperson and co-chairperson roles.

Pam Wymore reported that she has mailed 25 fund-raising letters asking for \$20.20. With these letters she also included a flyer regarding the Nov. 3 Wesley supper. Maybe precinct chairpersons could be consulted as to who in their precinct would be good candidates to receive the letter.

The next meeting will be held Monday, November 25, at the Algona Pizza Ranch with social time beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting beginning at 7 p.m. Ken Clark adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Schenk Hartsock