

**Kossuth County Republican Central Committee**

**July 24, 2023**

**Pizza Ranch at 7:00 P.M.**

**Co-chair Lavon Kruse started the meeting with call to order, Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of Central Committee members was taken and present were Allen Brown, Dennis Swanson, Eldon Jorgenson, Diane Jorgenson, Lavon Kruse, Steven Smith, Ken Clark, James Black, John Emswiler, Pam Wymore, Dennis Wymore, Stacy Besch, Kendal Pals, Abigail Monson, Lyle Prunty. Officers present were Lavon Kruse and Diane Jorgenson. Agenda approval was motioned by Jim Black and a second from Allen Brown. Treasurer's report was showing a bill for \$215.00 to Glen's Green Thumb with the account balance of \$2,069.83. Correction in the May minutes: August 1 is the fair parade at 6:00 PM. Previous minutes were approved by a motion from Jim Black and a second from Stacy Besch. Guests representing Presidential candidate Ron DeSantis was Nick Tansey and Bryce Hinks representing Tim Scott. Both spoke briefly and stayed for questions following the meeting.**

**New Business: The resignation of Brent Owen brought forth the need to elect a new Chairman. Names submitted to vote on were Lavon Kruse by Lyle Prunty and Jim Black by Wendell Steven. Jesica Emswiler would consider the position in the future. Motion cease by Allen Brown and seconded by Ken Clark. Jim Black responded he would like to see new faces holding positions thus declining being on the ballot. Jesica Emswiler would consider the Chairman position in the future as mentioned by John Emswiler. Motion by Jim Black and a second by Pam Wymore to cease nominations. Unanimous vote to have Lavon Kruse as the new Chairman passes. New co-chairman is Jesica Emswiler. This motion was made by Jim Black and seconded by Allen Brown with motion ceased by Wendell Steven.**

**Caucus sites report is the Summitt Center in Bancroft is**

reserved and Wesley Community Center (Mandy Studer) are reserved. No response from the Algona Middle School at this time. The caucus date is Monday, January 15.

Fundraiser t-shirts will sold at the fair. Stacy Besch will work with Jesica Emswiler on fundraising. Fair parade float will be pulled by Dennis Wymore. People are needed to walk with the float. Jim Black has been working on the design of the booth and this idea was shown at the meeting. The small trailer the group has had for some time will be given to Jim for his efforts of labor and cost in making the new float and materials for the fair display. Pam Wymore will re-gift the American Flag given to her from Senator Steve King and it flew over the United States Capital. An Iowa flag will be given away and will be ordered by Jim Black. Kendal Pals will bring a table and chairs. Volunteers are needed to put the booth, pictures, etc in place at the fairgrounds on Sunday, July 30 at 2:00 P.M. The booth will be open following the parade from 6-8 P.M. and from 12:00- 8:00 P.M. ,Wednesday-Friday August 2-4 and 12:00-7:00P.M., Saturday, August 5. Lavon Kruse will donate the \$200 for KLGA radio spots at 4:10 P.M. Fair booth cost is \$200. There was mention by Lyle Prunty to have an authorized set dollar amount of \$500 for any incidental needs that might arise. Motion by Lyle Prunty and seconded by Allen Brown. Motion passed. The fair booth will be dismantled Sunday, August 6 at 2:00 P.M.

Stacy Besch spoke on her travels throughout the counties she represents with Americans For Prosperity. The response from the communities has been positive. John Emswiler informed the group there will be a Salute to Service meal on Saturday, August 12 from 11-3:00 P.M. at the Wild Haven by Don Tietz's.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, August 28 at 7:00 P.M. in the Pizza Ranch.

Secretary, Diane Jorgenson