



KOSSUTH COUNTY GOP MINUTES
JUNE 24, 2019

The Kossuth County GOP met Monday, June 24, 2019, at the Thul Shed of Algona Country Club, Algona, with 16 people in attendance. Chairperson, Kathy Keller, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Lyle Prunty opened the meeting with prayer and everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the May 20, 2019, meeting had been previously e-mailed to everyone by Kathy Keller. Moni Westling offered a motion to approve the May meeting minutes as submitted. Todd Hartsock seconded the motion and it carried.

The May minutes read, "More Central Committee members are needed and Ken Clark nominated Wendell Steven to serve on Central Committee from Lakota. Allen Brown seconded the nomination and it carried." Kathy Keller reported that this action went against the Code of Iowa which specifies that not more than 2 Central Committee members can be elected from the same precinct. When that vote was taken in May, there were already 2 Central Committee members from Lakota so that vote at the May meeting was out of order. Kathy has informed Wendell about the matter.

Pam Wymore presented the treasurer's report. The current balance is \$855.31, same as reported in May. Moni Westling offered a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Dennis Wymore seconded the motion and it carried.

Kathy stated that a GOP Grassroots workshop will be offered at the Algona Pizza Ranch on Thursday, June 27, 7-9 p.m. Everyone is invited; please register on the link that has been delivered via an earlier e-mail from Kathy to everyone.

The Kossuth County Fair and Fair booth were then discussed. Kathy has taken care of registration and Tom Cogdall agreed to coordinate the scheduling of volunteers to staff the booth. Mandy Glawe has arranged to borrow materials from the Republicans of Hancock County and she has received them. She then provided a preview of what will be displayed at the Fair, including the history of the Republican Party. Possibly the Republican platform principles could be printed on small cards for fair-goers to take home. Also, prizes could be awarded to people who correctly answer trivia questions after viewing the display. Mandie Studer will furnish a Plinko game and prizes.

Listed in the meeting agenda are the summer parade dates: Titonka-June 22, line-up 8:30-9 a.m. and parade at 10 a.m., Swea City-June 29, parade at 11 a.m., Bancroft-July 4, parade at 10:30 a.m., Armstrong-July 4, parade at 2 p.m., Burt-July 13, parade at 10:30 a.m., LuVerne-July 13, parade at 1 p.m., Algona-Kossuth County Fair parade on July 30 at 6 p.m. and Band Day parade on October 5. Volunteers are needed to ride on the float and walk alongside it. Roger Tjarkes volunteered to pull the float for Burt, LuVerne, and the Kossuth County Fair parade. Dennis Wymore will pull the float for the Band Day parade. Kathy Keller will check with Allen Brown regarding his availability to pull the float in Swea City, Bancroft, and Armstrong.

Fundraising needs to be a priority, especially with the 2020 election approaching quickly. Kim Schenk Hartsock stated that the last weekend in June, 2020, will be Swea City's sesqui-centennial celebration and possibly this group could operate a food booth to raise money. Also, at a previous meeting, Pam Wymore had distributed the draft of a fundraising letter to send to potential donors and asked those in attendance for possible improvements to the letter. She will present this letter again at the next meeting for approval and information will have been added to it regarding the fundraiser scheduled in Wesley on November 10. Precinct chairpersons may have an idea of who should receive this letter in their precincts.

Regarding the subject of ideas for public events, Lyle Prunty explained that due to the fact there are usually five or six elected state officials that rarely visit Kossuth County, he wrote a note to his County Supervisor asking if the Board of Supervisors would be willing to write letters to state-wide officials inviting them to Kossuth County once per year to participate in an open forum and be willing to answer questions from the public. The response he received from his supervisor was that the Board of Supervisors decided that the Democratic and Republican parties of Kossuth County should be the ones to organize such an event. Pam Wymore reminded the group that in the Kossuth County GOP Constitution, it is clear that the function of the Kossuth County GOP is to promote Republicans and GOP candidates. No further action is planned at this time.

Kathy Keller stated that Senator Joni Ernst will be in Algona on July 4, during ABATE, but there are no details yet. Please watch e-mails for more information.

The next meeting will be held Monday, September 23, at the Thul Shed of Algona Country Club with social time and ordering of supper from 6-7 p.m. and the business meeting beginning at 7 p.m. (Aug. 5: ADDITION: NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, AUGUST 12, AT PIZZA RANCH, ALGONA, 6:30 P.M FOR SOCIAL TIME AND 7 P.M. FOR MEETING TO ELECT NEW CHAIRPERSON DUE TO THE RELOCATION OF KATHY KELLER AND HER HUSBAND).

Kathy Keller adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Schenk Hartsock