



KOSSUTH COUNTY GOP MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

The Kossuth County GOP met Monday, September 23, 2019, at the Thul Shed of Algona Country Club, Algona, with 23 people in attendance. Due to the August resignation of Chairperson, Kathy Keller, and Co-chairperson, Pam Wymore, Secretary, Kim Schenk Hartsock asked Kyle Stecker to lead the meeting and he called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Todd Hartsock opened the meeting with prayer and Kyle Stecker led everyone in the Pledge of

Allegiance.

Omar Marquez, 4th District Republican Political Director, introduced himself and stated that he is available to help our county prepare for the February caucuses and to provide help to Republican candidates as needed. He asked everyone to please feel free to call him at any time with any questions. Those in charge of organizing and leading the caucuses are to let Omar know details regarding caucus sites and provide their contact information.

Henry Stone then introduced himself. He will be on the 2020 ballot for Iowa State Representative from the 7th District as Tedd Gassmann has chosen not to run for re-election. Henry is from Forest City and is retired from the Air Force. During his time in the Air Force he was stationed all over the United States and was deployed four times. He is a huge believer in the values of the Republican Party and wants to pass these on to future generations. He stands firm for traditional values and likes to explain to people why socialism is a bad idea. He is pro-life and pro- 2nd amendment. He wants to serve his district respecting traditional views, prioritizing family first, and defend the freedoms that his family has fought for. Henry has spent many hours with Tedd Gassmann and has earned Tedd's full support.

Ken Clark offered a motion to approve the agenda for this meeting, Eldon Jorgenson seconded the motion and it carried.

Minutes of the August 12, 2019, meeting had been previously e-mailed to everyone. Kathy Keller offered a motion to approve the August meeting minutes as submitted. Ken Clark seconded the motion and it carried.

Kim Schenk Hartsock presented the treasurer's report. The current balance is \$521.10 after Kossuth County Fair expenses have been paid. Todd Hartsock offered a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Ken Clark seconded the motion and it carried.

Following the resignations of Kathy Keller and Pam Wymore at the August meeting, it was voted on and approved at that meeting to table nominations of Chairperson and Co-Chairperson until the September meeting. Ken Clark offered a motion to take this subject off the table and enable nominations for Chairperson and Co-Chairperson. Ray Neswold seconded the motion and it carried. Discussion was held with Ray stating that he, Lyle Prunty, and Jim Black had spoken with various people regarding their willingness to lead this group. Ken Clark and Wendell Steven volunteered to serve as Chairperson and Co-Chairperson. Eldon Jorgenson offered a motion that Ken Clark be elected Chairperson and Wendell Steven be elected Co-Chairperson. Kathy Keller seconded the motion and it carried.

Central Committee openings were then discussed. Nineteen vacancies still exist plus one more vacancy will occur when Kathy Keller relocates. For LV 14, Dennis Holmes offered a motion for Carter Nath to serve on the Central Committee. Ray Neswold seconded the motion and it carried. It is everyone's responsibility to recruit more Central Committee members to fill the vacancies.

Wendell Steven reported that the Band Day parade will be Saturday, October 5, 1 p.m. Dennis Wymore will pull the float and begin the parade at slot #58. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Steve King has been contacted about this opportunity.

Discussion regarding office rental will take place at the October meeting.

Mandy Glawe and Mandie Studer reported on the fund-raiser to be held on Sunday, November 10, 5-7 p.m. in Wesley. They are printing "save the date" slips to be handed out at the Band Day parade. Pre-sale tickets are \$10 and everyone was asked to help sell. There will be a pasta bar and various sauces. There will be speakers and the Veterans will be honored and receive a gift.

The next meeting will be held Monday, October 28, at the Pizza Ranch with social time beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting beginning at 7 p.m.

Kyle Stecker adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Schenk Hartsock