



KOSSUTH COUNTY GOP MI NUTES

MAY 21, 2018

The Kossuth County GOP met Monday, May 21, 2018, at Pizza Ranch, with 18 people in attendance. Chairperson, Kathy Keller, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Todd Hartsock opened the meeting with prayer and Kendall Pals led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

Pam Wymore presented the treasurer's report: As of May 21, 2018, the balance is \$1661.99 and the \$200 bill for the Kossuth County Fair booth has already been paid. Also, the required quarterly report to the State of Iowa has been submitted. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Sponsoring a booth during the Kossuth County Fair was discussed. Tom Cogdall and Pat Talbott are willing to help with the booth. If others are willing to help, please contact Kathy Keller.

Finance Committee - Pam Wymore reported that she was willing to help establish a budget, but because the expenses differ so much from year to year, budget-creating is a difficult task. So, instead, she researched expenditures from Jan. 1, 2015 until the present and created a document detailing income and expenses for each calendar year, (2015 until the present). She distributed this document to those in attendance and asked for comments and/or questions.

Regarding educational outreach, Lyle Prunty and Pat Talbott met and they contacted the Iowa State Student Republicans group. It is a possibility for the future that a representative of this group or the state chairperson of all the Iowa College Republicans could visit Kossuth County for a presentation. Maybe coordination should be done with neighboring counties. Also, Lyle reported that the Algona VFW will lead a Memorial Day celebration near the bridge early a.m. on Memorial Day. In the past, attendance has not been great. There was a consensus that a mass e-mail be sent to Kossuth County GOP participants encouraging them to attend. The Kossuth County Freedom Rock is located in Whittemore and maybe consideration should be given to organizing an event there for 4th of July.

Summer parades were then discussed and it was generally agreed that GOP members from each locality should organize the parade entry for their town. Some parade dates are: Swea City-June 23, Titonka-June 23, Bancroft-July 4, Burt-July 14. Allen will check with someone to possibly pull the float in one of the parades.

Since the April meeting, Pam and Moni met to discuss a fall fundraiser. Their idea is to sponsor a family barbeque picnic (rain or shine) on September 9, 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. A clever name is needed. Maybe the price could be \$10/person or \$25/family or maybe free-will donation. 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. Also, personal invitations should be mailed to those on the GOP mailing list. Decisions need to be made regarding price or free-will donation and an event name.

Kathy asked State Convention delegates to please inform her if they cannot attend the convention. The State Convention will be Saturday, June 16, 10 a.m. at the Iowa State Fairgrounds, Jacobson Center, 3000 E. Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA. She also reminded all delegates to submit a check for \$50, payable to Kossuth County GOP. State delegates are: Dennis Swanson, Kathy Keller, Gary Person, Donna Steven, Wendell Steven, Allen Brown, Terry Ziesman, Lyle Prunty, Diane Jorgenson, Lynn Underwood. Alternates are: Jeff Mortensen, James Black, Ken Clark, Karen Benschoter, Eldon Jorgenson.

Promoting Kossuth County GOP on social media was discussed. When utilizing social media, care should be taken to insure that comments are worded in a positive manner and not derisive or offensive to any one or any group.

The next meeting will be Monday, June 25, at the Algona Pizza Ranch, 6:30 p.m.-Social, 7 p.m.-Business Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Schenk Hartsock