



## Kossuth County GOP 2-26-18 Meeting Minutes

The February meeting of the Kossuth County GOP was held on Monday, February 26, 2018, at Pizza Ranch in Algona. Social hour started at 6:30 p.m. **Chairperson, Kathy Keller**, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with 15 in attendance. Sign in rosters were provided for the membership.

**Todd Hartsock** opened with prayer.

**Dr. Brent Owen** led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the January 15, 2018, meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was given by **Kathy Keller** and was approved. Beginning balance was \$2549.78 plus a \$52 donation from the caucus equals the current balance of \$2601.78.

Kathy Keller reported that 21 people attended the Kossuth County caucus held Feb. 5.

Kathy announced that the Kossuth County Convention will be Saturday, March 10, 1 p.m. at the Algona Public Library. Volunteers are needed by 12:30 p.m. to help set-up and then to clean-up afterwards.

Lyle Prunty, who has agreed to be the organizer for the County Convention, then read the list of delegates and alternates who were elected to attend the Kossuth County Convention. He mentioned that volunteers are needed for the rules committee, credentials committee and platform committee as well as a parliamentarian and secretary. Those interested in helping in these areas are to contact Lyle.

It was generally agreed upon that at the last County Convention, the platform that was presented was way too long. For the future, the platform should be concise and condensed. Core beliefs should be emphasized instead of being so specific and delving into the minute details. Lyle will review the planks and pare them down and then send them on to Dr. Brent Owen, Allen Brown and Terry Ziesman, who all volunteered to help with this.

District and State Convention delegates will be elected at the Kossuth County Convention. There are 14 slots for delegates and 14 slots for alternates. Those interested in filling these slots should let Lyle or Kathy know. Usually delegates and alternates pay their own fees to attend the District and State Conventions, but if help is needed with this, please contact Kathy.

Kathy then asked about possible ideas for this group to reach more people. Moni reported that she and Pam Wymore had discussed the idea of having an outdoor gathering in the summer that would be family-friendly with a meal and games for the kids. Ideas for

fundraisers were then discussed, such as an annual golf tournament or an annual steak fry. Everyone is to be brainstorming fundraising ideas.

The College Republicans chapter from Iowa State University reached out to Kossuth County GOP and volunteered to speak at a future fundraiser event. Moni will contact them and ask for their availability.

Summer parades were then discussed and it was generally agreed upon that it would be great if local people would be in charge of the parade in their town, ex. Bancroft 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, Armstrong 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, Swea City Fun Days parade, Band Day parade in Algona.

GOP presence at the Kossuth County Fair was discussed. It was generally agreed upon that it is important to have a booth there. It was reported that at last year's County Fair, the free cookies were a wonderful addition to the booth as well as the cash door prizes. Tom Cogdall and Pat Talbot volunteered to help with the Kossuth County Fair GOP booth.

Other important dates given to mark your calendars for are as follows:

**Saturday, March 17, 10 a.m. District Convention Committees:**

**Organization and Credentials – Ames City Auditorium, 515 Clark Ave., Ames, IA**

**Platform and Rules – Oakwood Road Church, 2400 Oakwood Road, Ames, IA**

**Saturday, April 28, 10 a.m. - 4<sup>th</sup> District Convention, Ames City Auditorium, 515 Clark Ave., Ames, IA**

**Saturday, June 16, 10 a.m. – State Convention, Iowa State Fairgrounds, Jacobson Center, 3000 E. Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA**

**Next meeting date is March 26, 2018, at the Pizza Ranch in Algona.**

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Schenk Hartsock