

Kossuth County GOP Meeting

Date: Dec 16, 2013

Time: 6:30 Social, Dinner; 7:00 Business Meeting

Location: Pizza Ranch, Algona

Attendance: 16 plus two guests

Open meeting with prayer and pledge of allegiance at 7:10.

Chair introduces Jacob Johnson for presentation about January caucus.

Jacob is field director for Branstad-Reynolds campaign. Jacob reported that Branstad has not officially announced candidacy, but is aligning grass roots support. Priority State Senate seats are in the Fort Dodge and Mason City areas. Purpose and sequence of caucus activity was reviewed: 1) elect permanent chair, 2) elect permanent secretary, 3) elect county central committee members from the precincts, 4) elect convention delegates and alternates, and junior delegates, and 5) make platform resolutions. Handouts were provided outlining the call-in and email reporting procedure to be followed in reporting caucus results to the state party. Other points mentioned by Johnson and in discussion were: Branstad-Reynolds would like to know how many delegates and county committee members are supporters. The county convention will be March 8 and the district convention will be April 26 in Storm Lake. Kossuth County will have 14 delegates to the district convention. Persons do not have to be present at the caucus to be elected to be delegates.

Chair reviews caucus operations.

Greeters will be needed at the registration tables and photo ID will be required at checkin. There will be signs designating precinct gathering areas. A sample ballot was shown.

Fundraising.

Pam Wymore handed out drafts of letters to send to precinct chairs, one instructing them about the \$20.14 campaign and the other providing the text for use in soliciting the contribution. The letters were discussed and revisions adopted. The precinct chairs will have lists of registered Republicans in their precincts to contact.

Chair Wendell reported on the progress of the July 19, 2014 event.

Eight counties involved are Winnebago, Hancock, Wright, Humboldt, Pocahontas, Palo Alto, Emmet, and Kossuth. Contacts with potential speakers have been made and are continuing.

Meeting ended: 7:53 pm