

GOP Minutes from 4-24-17 Meeting

The Kossuth County GOP met April 24, 2017 at KFC in Algona with 18 in attendance, 6 of which are Central Committee members. (Wendell Steven, Dr. Brent Owen, Dennis Wymore, Pam Wymore, Pat Talbot and Terry Ziesman). Wendell Steven called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Pat Talbot led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Donna Steven opened the meeting with prayer. Wendell Steven reported that Treasurer Conley Nelson reported a balance is \$2,484.98 In the checking account.. Minutes of the March 27, 2017 meeting were read and approved with one correction. The decision to meet monthly rather than every three months as stated in the bylaws was approved at the March meeting. Wendell expressed thanks to Pam Wymore for ably leading the meetings and handling business of the Kossuth County GOP during his absence during the winter months.

Discussion was held about the formation of committees to handle the work of the organization more efficiently and effectively. Dr. Brent Owen suggested that emphasis should be on doing a few things really well. The Central Committee should concentrate on the focus set forth in the constitution of the body which Pam Wymore read: **“The purpose of the organization shall be to conduct, under one central organization, the activities of the Republican Party of Kossuth County and to aid in every way the establishment of fundamentals of Republican principles and policies on a voluntary basis and to cooperate and assist in the conduct of national, state and local elections in support of the Republican ticket.”** Wendell Steven and Dr. Brent Owen will meet to discuss the formation of committees and bring the results of that meeting to the entire body to discuss at the May 2017 meeting.

Discussion was held about the possibility of having a food stand when RAGBRAI comes to Algona in July 2017. **Pam Wymore will check into the cost and availability of obtaining a vendor’s license from the city.**

Dr. Brent Owen resigned his central committee position for Precinct 13, Algona, because he is automatically a member of the central committee as Co-Chair. Pam Wymore moved that Dr. Owen’s resignation be accepted, and Pat Talbot seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. **Ryan Faber was nominated by Pam Wymore to fill the Precinct 13 vacancy** created by Dr. Owen’s resignation, seconded by Pat Talbot and unanimously approved.

Lyle Prunty reported on behalf of the Education Committee that Steven Smith, Algona, is willing to present a program on the new Iowa firearms law and on conceal/carry regulations. **Date and venue to be determined.**

Guests Mary Nolan, Algona, and John Nolan and Kerry Johnson, Fort Dodge, were introduced and welcomed.

Pam Wymore did an educational presentation on the Bill of Rights and stressed the importance of electing or appointing judges who are constitutionalists to protect those rights.

Two reminders were shared:

Lieutenant Governor Kim Reynolds will be coming to Algona in August for a fund raiser.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM. Next meeting will be May 22, 2017.

. Submitted by Donna Steven reporting for Secretary Susan McLaughlin

