

## **Kossuth County GOP Meeting**

**Date:** June 24, 2013

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

**Call to Order:** 7:00 pm

**Location:** Pizza Ranch, Algona

**Attendance:** 12

**Prayer:** Rev. Kevin Hollinger

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Business Meeting:** Ken Clark presiding

Sen. Guth (4) and Rep Gassman (7) recognized in attendance.

Parades coming up were mentioned, and volunteers requested:

West Bend July 6

Bancroft July 4 or 6 - Jim Black

Burt July 13 - Ken Clark

Fenton July 20

Volunteers needed to help with all parades - contact Wendell Steven.

Note: Also see [algonagop.weebly.com](http://algonagop.weebly.com) for more parade information.

Kossuth County Fair is 30 July - 04 August. Volunteers of all ages needed to man booth and for parade.

Treasury: Balance is \$303.50. Recent expenditure for note pads was probably near \$600 (exact figure was unclear from the email report).

Means to raise money discussed, including telethon, letters and events.

Discussion seemed to favor telephone soliciting and events. Possibility of hosting an event at "River Road" with a speaker and dinner was mentioned. Dinner party at a home with contributed food was also spoken well of.

When raising money we should state how it will be spent when possible.

Vice Chair Position: All members please think about how we will fill this position at our next meeting. Volunteer yourself or suggest a person.

Comments were requested from our Iowa Legislature Senator and Representative:

Senator Guth comments:

Guth stated that he found the session very busy, sometimes almost caotic on the floor. There was little opportunity for discussion outside of committee meetings. He plans meetings with groups over the summer to coordinate effectiveness.

Rep. Gassman comments:

Gassman stated that he was honored to represent the district, thanked us. He feels good about work the House did. Accomplishments included property tax reductions that will be substantial over next few years. In education the "school tuition organization" came out well. He spoke about numerous additional topics. A few were: voluntary nutrient reduction, farm liability exemption for educational

tours, etc., blocked local government “smart planning”, no tuition increase at Regents institutions, did not vote to spend more than 99% of projected revenue, worked with Democrats in some instances. He noted that Democrats proposed amendments totaling an additional \$500 million. With respect to education, he will be in meetings this summer on “Common Core”.

Ken Clark asked for each legislator's greatest success and disappointment:

Guth was disappointed that social issues were hardly discussed at all, due largely to Senate leadership, but felt some success in having some of that discussion anyway. Gassman was disappointed with the HHS budget and felt the property tax changes and education were successes.

**Post Business Meeting:**

Lyle Prunty stated that if desired for future meetings, we very probably can have a patriotic reading by a member of the local scout troop. This would involve us at least a little with youth. No scout was available for this meeting, but a recorded reading of the Declaration of Independence was played.

Kevin Hollinger mentioned that there is a meeting Tuesday evening at 7:00 at the United Methodist Church related to human trafficking and strip clubs.

Several members had additional informal conversations afterward about road taxes, energy development, and education of high performing students.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyle Prunty substituting for Rita Prunty, Secretary.

Please notify of any corrections or additions needed to these minutes.