

### **GOP Minutes from 3-28-16 Meeting**

The Kossuth County GOP met March 28, 2016 at Pizza Ranch in Algona with 20 members and two guests present. Wendell Steven called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Guest Rick Bertrand led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Rev. Todd Hartsock opened the meeting with prayer.

Guest Rick Bertrand, Sioux City, addressed the group about his aspiration to run for the United States House of Representatives and fielded questions from the group.

Discussion was held about the February 2, 2016 Caucus to determine things that could be done differently in the future.

- Too many precincts at the Burt Community Center
- Too many precincts at the Algona Senior Citizen Center
- In Swea City at North Union school the gymnasium should be reserved rather than the lunch room to accommodate the large number of people
- The Republican GOP website had wrong location information
- Some locations were difficult to find – should use signage to direct people to locations
- Difficulty in hearing when two large precincts occupy the same room
- Some Form A's were inadvertently sent to Rutger's
- Some registered voter's names didn't show up on lists
- Sample of printed ballot used at some locations was shared

Wendell requested that the chairperson for each location make up a written report of problems which he will submit to Adam Wachholz.

Discussion was held about the County Convention at the Burt Community Center March 12, 2016.

- Difficulty in hearing
- Poor seating arrangement

Nick Bitz volunteered his expertise in video projections and microphone systems for all County GOP functions. His business name is BIF Enterprises.

Discussion was held about the County GOP Facebook page. Jan Morey is maintaining this page and requested any information available for Junior Delegates be given to her to post. She also welcomes any educational material available to allow people to be more prepared for caucuses and conventions. Thought was given to including trivia quiz questions to pique interest.

Discussion was held regarding the platform procedure. Thoughts were that the platform was too specific and too lengthy. It should embody core principles rather than specific details about those principles. It was suggested that the platform committee meet separately to define principles that could be voted on at the County Convention.

An invitation was extended to all District and State Delegates and Alternates to attend a training session April 1, at 7:00 PM at 500 NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Pocahontas for delegate training. Wendell will be driving there and offered a ride to anyone interested in attending.

The District Convention will be held Saturday, April 9, 2016 at Fort Dodge High School, 819 N. 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Dodge, IA 50501. The State Convention will be held Saturday, May 21, 2016 in Des Moines.

The list of Delegates to the District and State Conventions was read, including

- Amy Ruger
- Bobbie Clark
- Brent Owen
- Daniel Green
- Dennis Swanson
- Gary Person
- Jane Bergquist
- Jeff Reyes
- Jim Black
- Kendall Pals
- Nick Bitz
- Nick Gilliland
- Pam Wymore
- Patricia Berte
- Ryan Faber
- Terry Ziesman
- Tyler Trenary

The list of Alternates to the District and State Conventions was read, including:

- Aaron Lewis
- Dave Phillips
- Donna Steven
- Jan Morey
- Jim Wachholz
- Lyle Prunty
- Margaret Rock
- David Rock
- Matt Anderson
- Rita Prunty

The Junior Delegate to the District and State Conventions is Evan Deal.

Delegates and Alternates are to pay \$50. each to Kossuth County GOP, mailed to Conley Nelson, Treasurer, 501 W. Tietz Street, Algona, IA 50511.

All members are urged to suggest possible rental locations for Kossuth County GOP Headquarters preceding the Presidential election this fall. Two suggestions were made: The old Pizza Hut currently has space available and 121 South Dodge (Dr. Wymore's former office location). This topic will be revisited at the April meeting.

Vacancies on the Central Committee need to be filled. Ken Clark will supply the exact number of vacancies at the April meeting.

The balance in the treasury is around \$5,000., largely thanks to generous donations at the caucus. The question was asked about how much it costs to do GOP activities in the county each year. Pam Wymore has that information and will bring it to the April meeting.

Jan Morey volunteered to gather information about a training bus that travels around Iowa. She will report on this at the April meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:030PM.

Submitted by Donna Steven reporting for Secretary Rita Prunty