

Kossuth County GOP Meeting

Date: June 29, 2015

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

Location: Bodacious BBQ, Algona

Attendance: Guests: Dennis Guth – Iowa State Senator, Amy Frakes-Carly Fiorina, Alex Hayes – Lindsay Graham, Chris Hupke – Donald Trump, Christina Bettini – Rick Perry, Shane Lesko – Scott Walker, Adam Wachholz – Regional Political Director,

Open with Prayer: Donna Steven

Pledge of Allegiance

Guest Speakers:

Amy Frakes – Carly Fiorina – Founder of Unlocking Potential Project
Served as chair of CIA Advisory Board. Knows and has met more world leaders than any other Republicans that are running.

Chris Hupke – Donald Trump – Loves our country, veterans & military. Mexico has toughest immigration laws in world. Trump is someone who has conviction to say what he believes to be true. Not worried about being politically correct. Must have strong borders not let illegal immigrants enter the US....

Christina Bettini – Rick Perry – 2.2 million jobs, veteran, will take care of military.
Will be in Iowa July 11, 12,13. July 11 – Newhall, IA, July 12 – Creston, IA, July 13 – Fort Dodge at Pizza Ranch, noon. July 13 - Clear Lake BBQ

Alex Hayes – Lindsay Graham – Veteran 33 years, member of Congress 23 years, knows DC, knows how to work with people. Will be in Mason City & Fort Dodge, July 1 at Townhall Meeting; Spencer, July 2.

Shane Lesko – Scott Walker – Associated with American Revival – more limited government, more personal responsibility. Defunded Planned Parenthood, stood up to Unions with Right to Work Law, supported Castle Doctrine in Wisconsin, supports concealed carry. Has not yet announced.

Dennis Guth – IA State Senator – Conservative Caucus working in Des Moines.
Common Sense Conservatives – 10 representatives and 2 Senators. Meet weekly and have been effective. Effective at stopping Bullying Bill – which was going to give school administrators more authority than FBI, could monitor students even off campus; reduce amount of parental authority, school did not have to inform parents; put into code that certain classes of people more equal than others. A lot of concern about religious liberty after Supreme Court Decisions this past week. Alliance Defending Freedom aka Alliance Defense Fund – has done some training on how to deal with media. Very concerned about Religious Liberty. Many legislators in state are working on this issue. Will states be forced to rewrite marriage laws?

Congressman King has made some comments regarding how to treat the Supreme Court or get the government entirely out of marriage. Grassroots people need to get involved more than ever before to have an influence on current events.

Old Business:

NICE II Wrap-up – Event cancelled. Did not lose any money. Several people donated ticket money to use for the party. Thanks to Wendell for all of his efforts.

Iowa Straw Poll – cancelled.

Memorial for Jerry Tweeten – update will be coming next month

Weekly Quiz in newspaper – we have about 5 weeks worth of questions. Idea is to help people become more familiar with Founding Documents. Wendell and Lyle have talked to Mindy Baker a couple of times. Developed material and gave it to her. Said she didn't have space. Lyle contacted again by email, but she has not responded. One suggestion - Questions in paper - answers on website. Senator Guth suggested possibility of including in his weekly newsletter. Lyle is going to contact Mindy again as well as Senator Guth.

New Business:

2016 Caucus Feb 1, 2016 – We need to find a location that has adequate wireless internet access. Reporting will be done by phone application. Chairman Kaufman announced partnership with Microsoft. Caucus app will be developed over summer, plan to start training mid-October.

March 12, 2016 County Convention
April 9, 2016 District Convention
May 14, 2016 State Convention
July 18-21, 2016 National Convention

Straw Poll cancelled for this year because could not get enough candidates to commit. Financially state party in good shape.

County Web Site – Cruz campaign offered to set up website for counties that did not have one. We will keep current website and set up FB account.

New Kossuth County Logo - Adam Wachholz worked with national GOP organization to create new GOP logo for Kossuth County. We are first county to have logo!

Western Iowa GOP Office fundraiser, 119 6th St, Sioux City, IA – trying to raise \$30,000 to run office to cover 4th District

Kossuth County Central Committee List – Lyle has posted it on the website

Late summer early fall hog roast rally – Schedule after Labor Day. Need to offer a selection of dates (Fri/Sat) and approach candidates to see what will work best. Do not want to schedule any later than Sat, Sept 20. Pam volunteered to be in charge of food.

Constitution by-laws have been posted on website.

Meeting adjourned: 8:17 pm

Next meeting July 27, 2015 at Bodacious BBQ, Algona, IA