

Linn County Republican Central Committee Meeting- August 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The August LCRCC monthly meeting was held at Hiawatha Community Center

Call to order 7pm

Invocation Michael Elmore (CR08)

Pledge Group

Chairman's Minute Bernie Hayes (CR26) explained to the body that the approval of the agenda is a formality and is not mandatory even under Robert's Rules of Order, as it is developed by the executive team. The goal is to streamline our meetings to be conscious of everyone's time. He encouraged the body to be attentive and mindful of repeated questions. If detailed discussion is required, members should interact with those individuals after the meeting or at a later time; again, to maintain continuity in the meetings. The Chair mentioned several members who were experiencing hardship or loss. The Chair relayed the matters addressed at the last DEC meeting. Campaign signs were a major topic of discussion. Suggestions on how to procure and distribute signs are welcome. The Chair announced that RPI would be in attendance later in the meeting to review details of the candidate nominating convention that took place last Tuesday. He also mentioned upcoming fundraising events for the local candidates.

Approve Minutes Motion from the chair to approve July's meeting minutes, passed.

Treasurer Report Matt Limbert (MR05) reviewed the report noting that there has been some activity surrounding the upcoming Lincoln Dinner, however the bulk of those expenses/incomes will be reflected on next month's report. Motion from Treasurer to approve report, passed.

Fundraising Kathleen Banowetz (TPUT) reminded the group of the upcoming Lincoln Dinner and that tickets are available at the back of the room.

Legislative Randy Walker (CR03) announced that several churches have decided to meet to pray for the nation and the election. 6:30 Tuesday nights on May's Island Cedar Rapids. Dean Soenksen (CR13) encouraged members to vote against the PPEL on September 10th. Randy also mentioned that this money is allotted to schools already deemed by the school board for being taken out of commission.

Membership Report Heidi Barnhart (ROB) 63 voting members, 25 voting associates, 1 associate, 11 guests. Motion from the Chair to elect: Eric Gendreau (CR09), Daniel Lyttle (TMAR1), John Vaassen (TMON2), Teri Lynn Vaassen (TMON2), Bethany Hantz (CR04) as associate members, passed.

Public Relations Linda Dvorak (CR27) noted to contact Jeff Hoffman (MR14) about participating in the parade on 8/17 in Lisbon. This may be Jeff's last parade. Several events are coming up in September. Gun show on the weekend of 9/6-9/8. A good opportunity to register those who support gun rights as a lot of those people do not vote at a high tally. 9/14 is the Latino Festival at McGrath Amphitheater. 9/21 is the Asian fest at NewBo. Another excellent opportunities to register voters. See Linda to sign up to volunteer.

Faith Engagement Barb Holub (ROB) continuing to reach out to churches to engage potential voters. Overpass for Trump Event 8/22 4-6pm Emmons St. Overpass. All are welcome to regroup at the Lucky Penny afterwards for fellowship. The Chair also reminded the members that we have QR code cards that

can be used to help direct potential voters to the state site where they can register to vote. They meet every other Friday at the LCRCC office at 9am.

Voter Engagement Trisha Maloney (CR01) reiterated that the main focus is to find volunteers to build a base of potential activists who can be martialled to events or help support local candidate activities; such as door knocking, calling, etc.

Campaign Committee Bernie Hayes announced that the group has been meeting weekly to review potential candidates and local races. They have also been working on criteria for allotting candidates financial support from the proceeds of the upcoming Lincoln Dinner by developing an application and interview process for potential candidates.

RPI Review of HD 73 Special Nominating Convention Eric Roemer and Zach Hoffman gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining the results of the convention and the audit process. On initial tabulation it was believed that Jim Conklin (MR13) had won the election. However, due to a subsequent audit (next day), it was discovered that the tabulation process was in error and that GERALYN JONES (MR10) was the actual winner based on Iowa Code.

Old Business Nomination by the Chair of Ruth Soenksen as the new Chair of the LCRCC Auditor Committee. No further nominations were offered, motion seconded, passed.

Candidate Speakers

Spokesperson for Brandy Zumbach Meisheid (Supervisor) mentioned Brandy was having a birthday fundraiser 9/4 6pm and that AG Sec. Mike Naig would be a guest speaker.

John Thompson (HD 80): Running on revamping Iowa's mental health, as it affects all of society. He brought a special guest Steven Mack (veteran) about the importance of mental health and how John helped him with his struggles. John has several opportunities to support his campaign with door knocking, calling and a fundraiser on 8/31 12-2pm 3287 6th St. SW. (Scores on 33rd). You can reach out to his campaign for more details.

Terry Chostner gave an update on his campaign for Linn Co. Auditor. He has tried to be mindful of the donations he has received so far. He now has palm cards, a website and is in the process of procuring yard signs.

Cindy Golding (HD83) talked about the difference between running as a candidate and being a current sitting legislator. Requested volunteers to help with campaign needs as she tends to her legislative duties and constituents.

Geralyn Jones (HD73) spoke about her decision to run, trusting in God, and working on campaign materials for distribution.

Addie Lavis (Hinson Campaign) Reviewed Ashley's BBQ fundraiser as a success. Her opponent Sarah Corkery has recently come out against school vouchers. She claims it's "Chrisitan-izing" kids.

Barclay Woerner (HD79) noted that the focus of his campaign will be educational opportunities for our children. Website coming soon, his wife Janice will be assisting with his campaign.

Announcements

Emma Nemecek (MR08) Five Seasons Republican Women have an event 9/3. Former director of the Red Cross will be the guest speaker. Elmcrest Country Club 11-1pm. She also mentioned Asian Fest (she is a cofounder of the event). They will also be starting a branch of the FSRW in Johnson County.

Eastern Iowa Young Republicans were in attendance and encouraged everyone to support our local candidates.

Grant Gardner (TGRA) alerted the members that he has Trump Yard signs available. See him for details.

Bernie Hayes reminded the members that our next meeting will be at Hazel Point Intermediate School 9/12 at 7pm.

Pass the Hat \$405

Motion to adjourn, seconded, passed 8:31pm