

Linn County Republican Central Committee Meeting- October 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The October LCRCC monthly meeting was held at Hazel Point Intermediate School

Call to Order 7 pm, Watched a short video celebrating Americanism. The Fundraising team provided pancakes as a mini 2024 Reagan Breakfast and as a promotion for the 2025 Reagan Breakfast that is in the planning stage.

Invocation Grant Gardner (TGRA)

Pledge Barrett Hubbard (CR02)

Chairman's Minute Bernie Hayes (CR26) gave a summary of the events at the last DEC meeting. LCRCC requested to have the issue of the failure to get a candidate on the HD73 ballot. LCRCC proposed having the DEC investigate the circumstances around the ballot failure. The DEC refused to take up the matter, insisting that further action/direction should come from the SCC. There was not a quorum at the meeting, so there could not have been a binding resolution in any case. The LCRCC has decided to coordinate with the SCC and the relevant parties involved.

Membership Report Anne Fairchild (CR28) 62 voting members, 22 voting associates, 7 associates, 10 guests. No new members to vote on.

Approve Minutes the Chair entertained a motion to approve September meeting minutes; so moved, seconded, passed.

Treasurer Report Matt Limbert (MR05) reviewed the latest report. Not much has changed from last month. The lingering expenses/income from the Lincoln dinner are trickling in. He also encouraged the body to come up with some ideas to spend the Lundby/Thompson funds, as that money is losing value to inflation.

Fundraising Dean Soenksen (CR13) reminded the body that we have LCRCC shirts for sale. See Kathleen Banowetz (TPUT) for details. The committee is asking for donations from local businesses for the silent auction at the Reagan breakfast. They are also asking for donations of glasses or mugs. The committee challenged each house district to create their own basket for the auction. The tentative date for the 2025 Reagan Breakfast is February 8, 2025.

Faith Engagement Barb Holub (ROB) reported on the latest events including the gun show, Asian and Latino Festivals. It was mildly successful as it pertained to registering voters and interactions. They are still working with local churches to promote voter registration. However, the churches have been reluctant. Barb shared a website: myfaithvotes.org and encouraged members to look into signing up to send letters to inactive voters. The team will be at the upcoming Casting Crowns concert looking to register voters. The committee meets every other Friday at the office, at 9 am.

Legislative Randy Walker (CR03) The legislative committee reviewed the record of the Judges and gave a report of their recommendations. The list of recommendations will be distributed to the membership.

Voter Data and Election Integrity Anne Fairchild (CR28) gave a review of the current poll watcher training to date. There have been 26 participants so far. Black Hawk County has also reached out for help with training. There are still 4 sessions to be held: 10/22, 10/24 6:30 & 7:30 pm at Noelridge Park Church. Linn Co. is taking applications for poll workers as the county is still short. Call the auditor's office for details. Having two databases for this general election was discussed during the report. Long lines and delays could result since they will be doing same day voter registration and address updates at a separate table. The team intends to monitor current voter roles against DOT license registrations and addresses.

Voter Engagement Trisha Maloney (CR01) reiterated that there are only 26 days until the election. She encouraged members to sign up for the weekly email that comes out identifying potential volunteer opportunities. She noted that signing up on the list does not obligate you in any way. However, she emphasized that if each member just picked one thing a week to be involved with, it will make the difference in this election. Trisha also mentioned that Curt Hancock (MV01) had stickers made for anyone who wants one. They simply say, "Pray for the USA".

Bernie Hayes mentioned that Howard Oshman, a former member, had passed.

Candidate Speakers

Terry Chostner (TOTT) gave an update on his campaign for Linn Co. Auditor. He thanked all the members who contributed financially and with their time. He currently has ads running on TV. Channels include FOX, CNN, USA, ESPN, to name a few. He also has yard signs. He again promised to fix the mismanagement at the auditor's office. He did have a meeting with the county auditor team, they seemed receptive to his proposals for change. He also noted that the Young Republicans have been a big help to his campaign. He suggested that the LCRCC should consider donating to their organization.

Cindy Golding (HD83) stated that she was recently in Des Moines listening to Iowa Supreme Court oral arguments regarding eminent domain. She is still focusing on important legislation as well as campaign activities. She has been hosting "meet your legislator" events around the district. She has also sent out over 7 thousand mailers to independent voters to get them engaged. She also asked for volunteers to help send out mailers to anyone who requested an absentee ballot to encourage them to get their ballot turned in. She also mentioned she does have a variety of yard signs for sale. She thanked her "barn sign crew" for all their hard work putting out signs. If you would like to help with the post-election sign procurement, let her know.

Addie Lavis (Hinson Campaign) reminded members of Hinson's upcoming debate in Des Moines on 10/14 on the Iowa PBS platform. The campaign has been working overtime due to the lack of RNC presence in the state. There are still opportunities to knock on doors, phone calling and signs are available. See her for more information and upcoming volunteer opportunities. She also gave a big thanks to the members for all their support.

John Thompson (HD 80) announced that to date, the campaign has knocked on 16,500 doors. The goal is to knock on every door in the district at least 3 times. They are still door knocking every Saturday 9:30 am

till 1pm every Saturday. They are spending \$9,000 on TV ads till the election. They have also been helping other campaigns with door knocking and sign placement. Thompson's team has over 500 signs placed. John stressed how important it is to elect moral people.

Bernie Hayes read a thank you note from the Gulick Campaign SD40. They are very thankful for all the support from the LCRCC.

Barclay Woerner (HD79) updated the members on the campaigns progress. The interactions from door knocking have been very positive. The goal is to knock on every door in the entire district. He now has a website: BarclayWoernerforIowaHouse.com. T-shirts are also available.

Announcements

Cindy Golding reminded the group that she still has yard signs as supplied by Grant Gardner.

Bernie noted that our next meeting will be 11/14 at Hazel Point

Janice Woerner (CR32) encouraged members to not be afraid of door knocking. She shared a Bible verse to help members rely on God's strength when they are scared. 1 Chronicles 28:20.

Curt Hancock promoted his "Pray for the USA" stickers. See him if you would like to have one.

Julie Fuller (MR01) encouraged members to attend an event that explains a movement in the country to make gold and silver a transactional currency. Cindy Golding reiterated that they are looking for allies in the Iowa Senate to get this instituted. The event will be held at the Hiawatha Public Library 10/19 5-7 pm.

Chelle Adkins Dist.2 SCC Rep. spoke on absentee voting. Due to unforeseen circumstances, she encouraged members to vote early. It also helps the campaigns in targeting potential voters. As the chair of the SCC communications committee, she mentioned that they are working on putting together a newsletter for each of the districts. It will include SCC events, votes and agenda items. May include surveys and good news updates. More to come.

John Thompson announced that Sec. of State, Paul Pate would be in town attending an event called "Veterans to Vote Initiative". It will be held at Vets Memorial 10/15, 3:30 pm. John will also be in attendance.

Rachel Cadena (MR04) announced that Moms for America is helping procure donations for the hurricane victims on the east coast. She suggested that if you would like to contribute, that you donate through Mercury One or Samaritan's Purse.

Pass the Hat \$490

Motion to adjourn seconded, passed 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted, Matthew O'Neal (CR43) LCRCC Secretary