

Linn County Republican Central Committee Meeting- December 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

Call to Order 7 pm

Invocation Bernie Hayes (CR26)

Pledge Richard Bice (CR39)

Chairman's Minute Bernie Hayes highlighted the upcoming fundraiser "Ronnie's Big Bash" - all hands-on deck! He encouraged all members to participate any way they could. He also mentioned that we would be reviewing the special committee report regarding the HD 73 nominating convention later in the evening.

Membership Report Heidi Barnhart (ROB) 68 voting members, 33 voting associates, 8 associates, 3 guests. Motion from the chair to nominate Craig Davies (CR39), Susan Miller (CR36) as voting associate members. Passed.

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

Treasurer Report Bernie Hayes reviewed the latest report. There has been minimal activity since last month. Motion from the Chair to accept the report as submitted, passed.

Fundraising Joe Golding showed a Power Point highlighting the upcoming Reagan BIG Birthday Bash to be held Saturday, February 8, 2025, from 11 AM to 2:30 PM at Ushers Ferry Lodge, 5925 Seminole Valley Trail NE, Cedar Rapids. There will be silent and live auctions, face painting, pinata, games, just to name a few things. The tentative menu includes pancakes, ham and bananas. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids over six at the door. There is a \$5 discount on tickets if purchased in advance up to February 1. The committee is asking for donations from local businesses, or individuals for the silent auction and for children's games. The committee is challenging each house district to create their own basket for the auction. There is a \$100 limit. As of now there is no backup date for the event. However, the rental fee is refundable in the event of inclement weather. Flyers were provided for distribution to the public.

Legislative Randy Walker (CR03) shared that the committee has started an audit list for Trump's cabinet nominations. They will continue to review their qualifications and give recommendations. The committee is hopeful with who he has chosen so far. They are also discussing drafting a letter to Senator Joni Ernst regarding a possible primary due to her lackluster conservative record.

Guest Speakers

Cindy Golding HD 83 Rep. Thanked everyone for their hard work and showing up tonight. She noted that 12/17 is the Republican Caucus in the Iowa House. They will be given their legislative directions and assignments. She attended a Kirkwood event where some of the administrators mentioned that they have noticed a drastic reduction in DEI language in their curriculum syllabi. She also encouraged the LCRCC to

reach out personally to Senator Ernst and not by a committee form letter. Be sure when you do, that you have your name and address on the correspondence.

Announcements

Emma Nemecek (MR08) announced that the Five Seasons Republican Women will be hosting a forum on 1/17 where Jacob Hall from the Iowa Standard will be the guest speaker. The event will be at Elmcrest Country Club at 11:30 am.

Curt Hancock (MV01) noted that Senate bill 2435 took DEI out of the higher education in Iowa. Some of the Board of Regents expressed support for the law as it gives them teeth to do what they want to do. David Barker is a member of the Board, is speaking at the Jones County 9/12 Group at the Monticello Pizza Ranch 12/14, 9 am (Free). They will review what this bill means for the future of Iowa education.

Terry Chostner (TOTT) shared that he had been doing some research regarding the Lundby/Thompson Fund. One of the venues in which it was used was to hold a mock caucus for high school students. Further discussion is needed and will continue going forward.

New Business 7:25 pm the LCRCC went into an executive session to review the report submitted by the special committee. This report is regarding the events surrounding the HD73 special nominating convention. A quorum was established. A press release will be issued to relay the results of the executive session. It was found that Justin Wasson (HIA02) is to be banned from the LCRCC effective immediately; pending executive committee review and a member vote of reinstatement to the LCRCC. The executive session was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Pass the Hat \$357

Motion to adjourn seconded, passed 8:29 pm

Members met by HD after the meeting to review basket donation ideas for the February fundraiser.

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