

Linn County Republican Central Committee Meeting- December 11th, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The LCRCC meeting was held at Camp Tanager 1614 W Mt Vernon Rd, Mt Vernon, IA 52314

Call to Order 5:15 pm.

Invocation Bernie Hayes (CR26)

Pledge Mike Dupree (CR04)

Chairman's Minute Bernie Hayes mentioned some health concerns of some of the LCRCC members. He also thanked James Sampers (CR20) for hosting the Christmas party at the Starlite. Bernie received a notice from RPI that there has been an influx of over 400 Republicans to Linn Co. We have an opportunity to engage with them and continue building the base. Bernie also noted that President Trump will be campaigning in Iowa for the mid-terms and we are working on getting him to visit the LCRCC.

Membership Report Heidi Barnhart (ROB) 37 voting members, 17 voting associates, 2 associates, 5 guests. She motioned to approve two new associate members to the committee: Randall and Kari Marzen for (MR03), passed.

Guest speaker Mike ter Maat from the Republican Liberty Caucus gave an overview of their organization. The group has been chaired by Rand Paul and works with others like Thomas Massie. There is currently no chapter in Iowa and they are looking for individuals interested in participating.

Guest Speaker Shannon Lundgren spoke about her campaign for the district 2 Congressional race. She is currently an Iowa State Rep. serving Dubuque Co. as well as a long-time business owner.

Treasurer Report Matthew Limbert (MR05) gave a brief overview of the current report that was emailed to the members. He noted we are in a good financial position as an organization moving into the new year.

Fundraising Terry Chostner (TOTT) announced details of the upcoming fundraising event in February, The Reagan Breakfast. It will be 2/21/26 from 11-2:30 pm at Ushers Ferry. Like last year there will be silent and live auctions. Each House District will also be creating their own basket of goods for the auction. Terry made a motion to approve \$5000 for needed expenses. Dean Soenksen (CR13) asked for clarification that this amount not be exceeded. Seconded, approved.

Caucus Bernie noted that the committee met last week and has secured 26 site locations. Printing required materials has begun and we are still in need of volunteers.

County Convention Mike Dupree reminded the committee that the convention is 3/7 and that each of the subcommittees now has a chair. Discussions are still ongoing as to who will be the convention Parliamentarian. Considerations are being made as to whether we will allow business/candidate ads to be included in the convention flyer, and what the charge should be. The cost for convention is sitting at \$45 per person.

Legislative Randy Walker (CR03) spoke about Congressional bill HR 236 in the U.S. House. It was co-sponsored by Ashley Hinson. The bill restructures payment/reimbursements to federal workers who choose to work from home. Randy encouraged the membership to support this bill.

Addie Lavis, campaign staffer for Ashley Hinson asked the membership to sign petitions to help get Ashley on the ballot for her U.S. Senate campaign. She also had flyers and donation envelopes for anyone interested in supporting her campaign.

Announcements Bernie noted that our next meeting will be 1/8/26 at Christian Life Church, as it has been in previous months. It will start at 7 pm.

Cindy Golding State Rep. for HD83 invited everyone to stay for her fundraising event immediately following the meeting. It will include many guest speakers who will address the current eminent domain measures being taken by Iowa law makers.

Pass the Hat \$211

Motion to adjourn seconded, passed 6:11 pm

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