

Road Map to Victory 2016 - Countdown - 268 Days to the Election

Longbranch Hotel & Convention Center
90 Twixt Town Rd. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Activities prior to the Monthly Meeting

6:00 New Member Welcome

6:30 Candidate Meet & Greet

Guest Speaker - Joel Miller, Linn County Auditor

Call to Order – 7:00 Chair, Cindy Golding (TMON1)

Invocation - David Chung (CR31)

Pledge of Allegiance - Colonel James Booth (TCOL)

Pass The Hat - Room cost is \$250/month

Guest Introductions - Jordan Lynch (AFP), John Rastler (AFP), Tim Miller, Jessie Jordan (RNC)

Guest Speakers - Candidates Louie Zumbach (HD 95), Ashley Hinson (HD 67), Rene Gadelha (State Senate 34), Harry Foster (HD 65) and Randy Ray (Supervisor District #4).

Guest Speaker John Harris, Supervisor District #5 discussed the Linda Langston resignation.

Guest Speaker - Steve Sheffler provided an RNC update

Chair "State of the LCRCC" Annual Report - Cindy Golding

- Thanks to everyone for coming and participating to elect Republicans.
- Recap 2015 and look ahead toward the 2016 Presidential election
- Discussed our team structure which is designed to encourage communication by allowing more and different voices to be heard and complete the tasks that need to be accomplished.
- Approved Bylaws change, candidate recruitment, caucus development, caucus training and caucus implementation. Record numbers of volunteers participated in the caucus.
- Caucus voter data has improved dramatically - 2016 (11630 registered vs 11644 counted), 2012 (6646 registered vs 8730 counted), 2008 (5634 registered vs 7881 counted).
- Our purpose is to elect Republicans. Our meetings are governed by Roberts Rules of Order but don't be put off by that. Please be respectful of others, we are all passionate about ways we can help elect Republicans.
- Pre-Caucus Rally - all campaigns were invited. The City gave us preferential parking,

The Chair inquired if a quorum was present, Secretary Gary Ellis (CR24) confirmed the presence of a quorum.

Approve the Agenda - Brenda (Hart CR27) moved to approve (MSP).

Approve the January Minutes - Mary Ernzen (CR07) moved to postponed the approval of the January minutes to next meeting (MSP). *Secretary Note - Report comments and corrections can be sent to the Secretary at secretary@linncountygop.com.*

Executive Committee Report - Brett Mason, Co-Chair.

- Reviewed caucus planning and caucus training. Noted that caucus attendance was complicated by the Gazette errors in reporting caucus locations. Summarized caucus implementation and wrap up. The Chair and Secretary will certify precinct committee person elections. The Convention Team and Treasurer are working on ensuring qualified convention delegates.
- Developed a new member welcome handout.
- Responded to numerous inquiries from the public about the caucus.
- Appointed Don Nelson (CR24) and Richard Bice (MR10) to gather information on different meeting venues and report back to the body in 30-60 days as to the options in location, parking, cost and availability. The team is open to 4-5 volunteers.
- Althea Cole interrupted the report with a point of order regarding the motion to vote on a meeting venue, the point of order was ruled out of order as a report was in progress.
- Team membership was suggested to be expanded by up to 9 voting members on each team to accommodate new members. Dan Kaufman (CR17) interrupted the report to question that the LCRCC had never restricted voting rights. The Chair explained the requirements approved in the 2015-2016 Organizational Plan which was approved at the March, 2015 meeting and are noted in the following three bullets:
 - *LCRCC members are asked to signup as a voting member for one team. Each team starts with 5 voting members. The objective is to match volunteer time and skills with the mission or activity of the team.*
 - *Some teams (such as Fundraising, Caucus, Convention) will require additional members to accomplish the task. These will grow, as the team deems necessary.*
 - *New teams will be announced and volunteers recruited as the Election Cycle progresses.*
- Secretary Gary Ellis presented two motions correcting errors on the Form A's for confirmation by the body. Moved to approve Jim Felker as a Precinct Committee Member in HIA01 and Leslie Mariette and Joni Scotter in MR09 as Precinct Committee Members. Moved to confirm as Associate members; Roger Herrick (CR24), Bernie Hayes (CR24), Dee Ann Johnson (CR24) and Bruce Bernier (CR15). Both motions passed.

Treasurer Report - Robin Tucker, Treasurer.

- Working with Convention Team to ensure that convention delegates have paid after being designated on Form B and C. Only those designated at the caucus may become delegates.
- Linn County Registered Republicans can still sign up and pay the fee to attend the District and State Conventions before or at the County Convention
- The LCRCC cannot receive earmark donation to be given to candidates.
- Contact the Treasurer at Treasurer@lincountygop.com, Robin_Tucker_USA@q.com or 365-6956
- Pass the Hat was \$268.50 versus an expenditure for the room of \$250
- 2015 and financial results thru the caucus were under the planned budget
- Membership Clubs to sustain the receipt of funds to support the LCRCC

Caucus Report by Paul Pelletier

- Final Linn County Caucus Vote - 11644
- Discussed Caucus Metrics against the Approved Caucus Team Goals; Accurate and verifiable vote, Possible media exposure, Greatest possible participation from voters, Volunteer participation and recruitment, Cost / fundraising opportunity
- Gathering critique comments from Site Captains, all the volunteers and LCRCC members. Asking for survey forms by 3/8, conduct an informational meeting with a final report by May, 2016.

John Haible (TSPR) moved to extend the meeting past 8:30 until all business is completed. (MSP)

County Convention by Dan Hess.

- Summarized convention preparations. Next Credentialing Team meeting is February 29th, 7:00 pm at the RPI office at 1204 Dinah Court.
- Collecting information on the Convention Tabloid, due to the printer on February 19th
- The next County Convention meeting is March 1st, 7:00 pm at the LCRCC Office, 3349 Southgate Ct SW, Room #110.
- District and State Convention delegates will be elected at the County Convention.

A new member requested to address the body and was acknowledge by the Chair. The member observed the lack of unity as evidenced by bickering and frequent interruptions. The member indicated that party unity and cordial discussion are important to the organizations ability to elect Republicans.

Fundraising Team Report by Brenda Hart (CR27)

- Lincoln Dinner at Elmcrest CC - April 22nd, Sen. Grassley is the keynote speaker
- Chili Cook-Off June 25th - volunteers needed

Old Business - none

New Business - Mary Ernzen moved to elect all those who are here and not Precinct Committee Members to be elected as Associates members. The Chair requested that those who are interested provide their names and addresses to the Secretary. Brenda Krause moved to amend the motion to set aside the motion until the next month so that names and addresses can be collected and Republican registration verified. The motion to set aside was seconded and passed.

John Haible requested to speak on behalf of the ADA Advisory Board. John said the City and County had received hundreds of complaints. The Chair agreed to investigate.

John Haible moved to eliminate the Teams and go back to SubCommittees. Motion seconded. David Chung moved to table this motion, (MSP).

Announcements - Steve West (HIA01) reported that the St. Patrick's Day Parade is Thursday March 17th and he needs about 10 volunteers. League of Women Voters has a Monthly Forum at the Mercy Hallagan Center to invite various legislators. Brett Mason, Co-Chair confirmed that the list of teams is in the March, 2015 meeting minutes which is posted on the LCRCC web page.

Adjourned at 9:09 PM.

Email the Secretary at Secretary@LinnCountyGOP.com with comments.

Minutes prepared by Gary Ellis, Secretary Linn County Republican Central Committee.