

**Linn County Republican Central Committee Meeting** - March 15, 2016 Meeting Minutes  
**Road Map to Victory 2016** - Countdown - **240** Days to the Election  
Longbranch Hotel & Convention Center, 90 Twixt Town Rd. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

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

**Invocation** - Grant Gardner

**Pledge of Allegiance** - Dan Hess

**Pass The Hat** - room cost is \$250

**Guest Introductions** - Louie Zumbach (HD 95), Ashley Hinson (HD67), Harry Foster (HD65), Randy Ray (BOS 4), Ariel Bliss CR33, Kevin Thumma CR09, Bethany Gates (Benton County), Tamara Scott (RNC). One name not captured.

**Guest Speakers**

- Tim Box, Nathan Schnell, JJ Breen from, Linn County Elections. Discussed Linn County Precinct Election Officials. ([www.linncounty.org](http://www.linncounty.org) - *Precinct Election Official application*)
- Bethany Gates (candidate for State Central Committee),
- Tamara Scott (running for re-election as RNC Committeewoman),
- Fred Schuster (Sen. Grassley) requested signatures for a petition to "Stand with Chuck"

**Chair Report** - Cindy Golding - Summarized the 2015-2016 Organization Plan approved March, 2015. Investigated and reported on the claim of ADA complaints at the Caucus. The Cedar Rapids ADA Commission reported no complaints were identified or discussed at the February meeting.

**Approve the Agenda** - Wayne Null moved to approve the agenda (MSP)

**Approve Minutes - January Minutes** (MSP), **February Minutes** (MSP)

**Executive Committee Report**

Brett Mason (CR06), Co-Chair

- Discussed fundraising and budget
- Debbie Ketelsen (TLIN) is leading the Phone Tree Team
- Micah Hawker-Boehnke (MVS) is leading the Youth Outreach Team
- Kim Reem (MR08) is leading Local Candidate/Campaign Advisory Team
- Local Candidate Sign Team - looking for volunteers
- Meeting Venue Team will report next month

Gary Ellis (CR24), Secretary

- Asked for people interested to sign up as Associates to provide contact information.
- Moved to elect Rhonda Achenbach (MR12), Barb Thumma (CR09), Kevin Thumma (CR09), Lauren Wolcott (CR06), Stan Herr (ROB) as Associate Members. Althea Cole (CR07) moved to amend and include those who signed up at the credentials table pending confirmation of Republican Registration. Althea read the following list; Lauren Wolcott (included above), Luke Donah (not registered), Tami Soukup (CR17), Danielle Brazant (MR10), Ariel Bliss (precinct committee member CR33), Barb Thumma (included above), Kevin Thumma (precinct committee member CR09), Stan Herr (included above), Bruce Bernier (previously elected), Mary Ernzen (CR07), JR Rupert (precinct committee member CR30), Joyce Rupert (precinct committee member CR30), George Olmsted (CR37), Tami Pink (CR06), amendment seconded and passed. Motion as amended passed.

- Moved to elected Timothy Gruber-Miller as a precinct committee person (MVN), (MSP).
- Moved to add Jay Ernzen from MR06 as an Associate, (MSP).

**Treasurer Report** by Robin Tucker (CR25), Treasurer

- February Pass the Hat total is \$268.50
- Deferred Mock Caucus and Caucus final reports until the April Meeting
- Moved to expense \$8350 to RPI for District and State Convention fees, (MSP).
- Moved to approve \$35 per attendee, variable cost, for the Lincoln Dinner fund raiser, (MSP).
- Final District and State Conventions are due by noon, Saturday, March 19, 2016.

**Parades Report** by Steve West (HIA01), March 17th St. Patrick's Day Parade volunteers needed. Steve collected \$119 at the County Convention and \$48 tonight at the meeting to support the parade..

**Fundraising Team Report** by Cindy Golding

- Lincoln Dinner at Elmcrest CC - April 22nd, tickets are \$50, VIP Tickets (private discussion with Sen. Grassley) are \$75, host tables available. Sen. Grassley is the keynote speaker.

**Youth Outreach Team** by Micah Hawker-Boehnke

- Personal story about being harassed for his faith and Republican beliefs. He said it's a war on freedom of speech at campuses across the country.
- The Team objective is to work with students across the county with ideas and resources to build a coalition to assist students.
- Looking for volunteer legal resources and team volunteers.

**County Convention** report by Dan Hess (CR14). Came in under the budget by almost 50% and provided some revenue as well.

**Old Business**

- David Chung (CR31) brought up the motion made by John Haible that was tabled at the last meeting concerning team organization. Motion to bring back from the table (MSP).
- John Haible moved to extend the meeting until business is completed, seconded and passed.
- Marvin Spragg moved to table the motion, second and passed.

**New Business** - none

**Announcements** - The Eastern Iowa Conservative Breakfast meets at the Scott Family Restaurant on March 23rd. Emma Nemecek (TBER) March 18-20, Gun Show, Dr. Evita King will speak at the March 25th Prayer Breakfast at the Marriott and the Asian Fest will be held at the McGrath Amphitheater on June 11. Cindy Golding handed out "Honor A Veteran" forms from Secretary of State Paul Pate. Jordan Linsheid (AFP) openings for grassroots leadership course, runs for 6 weeks once per week.

Minutes are incomplete as attendance records were not reported as of 4/6.

**Adjourned at 9:04 PM.**

**Email the Secretary at [Secretary@LinnCountyGOP.com](mailto:Secretary@LinnCountyGOP.com) with comments.**

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