

**Linn County Republican Central Committee Meeting - May 16, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

**Road Map to Victory 2016 - Countdown - 172 Days to the Election**

Kirkwood Training and Operation Services, 3375 Armar Drive, Marion

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

**Invocation** - Robin Tucker (CR25)

**Pledge of Allegiance** - Dan Hess (CR14)

**Pass The Hat** - meeting cost is \$zero, funds will be used to defray parade costs.

**Guest Introductions** - Adam Wacholz (RPI), Ryan Kelley (RPI), Bill Keetle (Johnson County Republican Chair), Marvin Lewis, Louie Zumbach (HD 95 candidate), others not identified

**House District Discussion** - The members of each house district were asked to be seated together and answer the question, “How many community organizations do you support? How many Churches are represented? How many Youth Groups are represented?”

HOUSE DISTRICT	Community	Churches	Youth Groups
HD65	20	4	2
HD66	13	11	5
HD67	7	8	5
HD68	15	11	3
HD69	7	2	2
HD70	8	6	7
HD95	7	3	6
TOTALS	77	45	30

House District members answered the question, “Why are you here tonight?”

HD65 - Passion for personal responsibility and Support Party

HD66 - Elect Republicans, Make America Great/Better

HD67 - Elect Republicans

HD68 - Elect Republicans & Learn Republican Process

HD69 - Influence others and let them know there are options

HD70 - Liberty we prize and our rights we will maintain

HD95 - Elect Republicans and organize

The Chair emphasized the point that people joined the Linn County Republican Central Committee to “Elect RepubLicans”. The number of community organization reflects the body's dedication to support the local community.

**Guest Speaker** - Adam Wacholz spoke about the Des Moines Lincoln Dinner and the upcoming press conference at the GOP Office in Hiawatha. Ryan Kelly spoke regarding RPI activities in Linn County.

**Approve the Agenda** - Wayne Null (MR06) moved to approve the agenda, MSP

*Secretary Note - the agenda is not generally available on the website but only via the newsletter.*

**Approve Minutes** - Approved the April minutes as written, MSP.

## Executive Committee Report

### Cindy Golding (TMON1), Chair -

- Caucus Report - The report is not yet available from the Caucus Team Chair
- Team Leader Meeting - read the names of Team members as reported by the Team Leaders.
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Team	Team Membership
2015-2016 Audit	Jim Miller (TL), Richard Bice, Dan Dennis, Randy Lucore
Treasurer Support	Robin Tucker (TL), Tom Kinchloe, Bill Barrow, Chad Todd, Linda Dvorsky
Membership	Justin Wasson (TL) - No report
Records & Candidate Support	Matt O'Neal (TL), Brenda Krause, Bruce Bernier, Eric Rosenthal, Brett Mason
Marketing & PR	Brett Mason (TL), Ariel Bliss, Brad Reiners
Fund Raising	Brenda Hart (TL), Kevin Slaman, Dick Green, Myron Gilbert, ??
Community Events	Emma Nemecek (TL), Althea Hasse, Brenda Krause, Maureen Boermer, Dwayne Farmer, Ariel Bliss, Linda Dvorak, Brett Mason, Kelly Love, Dwayne Farmer
Parades	Steve West (TL), James Sampers, Kelly Love, Ariel Bliss
Phone Tree	Debbie Ketelsen (TL) - Brenda Krause, needs help
Youth Outreach	Micah Hawker-Boeneke (TL), Tim Reinecke, Laura Kamienski, David Blom
Local Candidate Advisory	Kim Reem (TL), Jonathon Weber, Debbie Ketelsen, James Sampers, Gary Ellis
Local Candidate Sign	Dwayne Farmer (TL) - needs help
Elections Process	Gary Ellis (TL), David Turner - needs help
Bylaw Update	David Chung (TL), Brenda Hart, Robin Tucker, Kristin Carlson, Kathy Potts, Justin Wasson, Dr. Don Nelson, Chris Dolan, Jim Conklin

- **State Convention** - Needs Volunteers to credential Linn County Members
- **House District Representatives** - Dee Johnson (HD65), Dan Hess (HD66), Taylor Nelson (HD67), Wayne Null (HD68), Roger Walton (HD69), Brenda Hart (HD70), John Haible (HD95). Each HD representative's role is to organize their house districts and to work with the precinct committee member in their house district to support and elect Republicans.
- Jim Conklin (MR06) moved to "Form a team to assist the Caucus Team in completing a Caucus Report, including volunteering to be temporary chair to setup a meeting and organize the team." Dan Kaufman (CR17) called the question. MSP. The original motion failed. Division was called and the motion failed (23-32).

**Gary Ellis (CR24), Secretary**

- **Call for new members** - none
- **Motion from last month** - Justin Wasson (CR23) moved in April, to remove Sue Schneiderman as a Precinct Representative for CR17 and elect Tami Soukup as the Precinct Committee Representative replacing Sue and electing her as an Associate Member". Reviewed the membership requirements contained in the Linn County Republican Constitution and the Linn Republican Central Committee Bylaw. Sue Schneiderman spoke at length. The Secretary moved to table the motion. David Chung (CR31) made a point of order that tabling the motion should include the basis for removing the motion from the table. Dwayne Farmer (CR07) moved that the motion be tabled with the intent to table it indefinitely or kill the motion. The question was called. The motion as modified passed.
- **Secretary Note** - The Bylaws change approved in 2015 removed the requirement to capture and track excused absences. The objection was to recognize that participation is not defined only by monthly meeting attendance.
- **Meet and greet meetings for House District Candidates**

**Robin Tucker (CR25), Treasurer**

- **Pass the Hat** - the final number was reported later as \$212
- **Discussed requirement to submit vouchers for expense documentation and Chair approval**
- **Lincoln Dinner** - under budget and a successful fundraiser
- **Reviewed April expenses and income**

**Local Candidate Advisory Team** - Laura Kamienski (CR16) reported and moved, "That LCRCC earmark \$12,000 of current cash on hand to be distributed equally to Linn County Republican candidates who:

1. Are running in a partisan race on November 8, 2016 and
2. Have met all requirements to be on the ballot by August 16, 2016 and
3. Have raised a minimum of \$2500 in contributions for their campaign by August 16, 2016, said amount not to include any loan monies.

Candidates will be required to prove eligibility, and distributions will be made by LCRCC treasurer by August 31, 2016. "

Althea Cole (CR07) moved to amend the motion to remove the stipulation of equal distribution of funds among the candidates and give the responsibility of allocation to the Local Candidate Advisory Team. Dan Kaufman called the question. MSP The amendment failed. The original motion passed.

Althea Cole moved to extend the time of adjournment until all business is done. MSP

**Fundraising Team Report** by Cindy Golding and Brenda Hart (CR27)

- **Lincoln Dinner Awards** - Curt Hames (Linn County GOP Republican of the Year), Emma Nemecek(TBER) and Althea Hasse (Herbert Hoover Humanitarian of the Year), Brenda Krause (MR08) (Volunteer of the Year).
- **Chili Cook Off at the Linn County Fair Hospitality Tent** - June 25th 10:00 to 1:00 pm

**Community Events Report** by Emma Nemecek

- **June 3, 4 & 5 Gun Show at Hawkeye Downs**
- **Asian Fest** - June 11th, McGrath Amphitheatre from 2-10 PM
- **June 17th Philippine Independence Day**
- **Linn County Fair Booth** - June 22th thru 27th.

**Parades Report** - Steve West reported that his Fire Truck has died. Looking for help with the Houby Days and the Freedom Fest Parade.

**Records and Candidate Support Team Report** by Matt O'Neal. Reviewed the critical records to be kept by the LCRCC. Both physical copies and digital records (using Google Docs) will be archived. Records to be kept include; meeting minutes, attendance records (monthly meetings, caucus and conventions), membership lists, Treasurer Reports, official correspondence (received and sent), Constitution and Bylaws. Records will be kept at the LCRCC Office under lock and key with access restricted to protect privacy rights and to ensure security. A policy to manage access will be developed.

**Announcements** - Dan Hess reported that the Concerned Veterans of Iowa will hold an informational meeting on May 24th at the Lone Star Steakhouse.

**Old Business - none**

**New Business - none**

**Adjourned at 9:15**

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