

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

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

Informal Candidate Meet & Greet - 6:00 pm

- B. Hayes (CR24) - Gov. Huckabee
- J. Erceg (CR42) - Dr. Ben Carson
- J. Greiss - Sen Rand Paul
- Matt Wells - Sen Ted Cruz
- Nathan Hohnstein - Sen Marco Rubio

Call to Order – Chair, Cindy Golding (TMON1)

Invocation - Deb Mason (CR06)

Pledge of Allegiance - Matt O'Neal (CR35)

Guest Speaker - Jennifer Hemmingsen, CR Gazette Opinion Page Editor. The CR Gazette is seeking more community input. Opportunities include writing letters to the editor and joining the Writers Circle. Contact Jennifer by email at jennifer.hemmingsen@thegazette.com , or 319-398-8469.

Guests - Matt Wells, Matt Theisen, Craig Hansen, Dick Green, Jack Messner, Ms. O'Neal, Justin Greiss, Tami Soukup, Amanda Brotten, Russell and Faye Betts.

Announcements

- Steve West (HIA01) - Need volunteers for the Dec 5th Holiday Parade
- Emma Nemecek (TBER) - Dr. Ben Carson will be at Antioch Church on Sunday at 11:00 am.
- Brenda Hart (CR27) - The Linn County Republican Women are hosting a Christmas Party (not a fund raiser) on Dec 8th at Elmcrest, \$50 per plate. LCRCC members are invited.
- Rising Tide Summit - Dec 5th from 2 pm to 6 pm, hosted by Congressmen Blum hosting, \$15 to \$45, at least 4 Presidential Candidates will speak at the US Cellular Center
- Randy Lucore (HIA01) - Iowa Honest Assessment survey - forms handed out
- Justin Wasson (CR23) - ICU Roasting Jim Conklin, 5:00 pm at the Longbranch, cocktails at 6:00 pm dinner at 7:00 pm.

Approve the Agenda - Joni Scotter moved to approve the agenda, seconded and passed.

New LCRCC Members Vote - The following new members were presented for election;

Russell Betts (Precinct Committee Person - MR14)

Faye Betts (Assistant Precinct Committee Person - MR14)

Dick Green (Precinct Committee Person - CR21)

Tami Soukup (Assistant Precinct Committee Person - CR17)

Roger Dvorak (Assistant Committee Persons - CR25)

Linda Dvorak (Assistant Committee Persons - CR25)

Justin Wasson moved to add Kevin Slaman (Precinct Committee Person - CR26), seconded and passed. The motion as a whole passed.

Secretary Notation - Kevin Slaman was originally voted in as a member at the February, 2015 meeting but his name was accidentally listed as David Slaman.

Approve October Minutes - Brenda Hart moved to approve the October minutes, seconded and passed.

Executive Committee Report by Cindy Golding

- Overview of caucus preparations including an explanation of how people can sign up for election to the County Convention and the District and State Conventions.
- Status update on the 2014 Audit action items.
- Discussed final Mock Caucus preparations.
- Presented an overview of the difference in credentialing requirements for Caucus, Convention and the Central Committee.
- Welcoming plans for the expected new members post caucus.
- Justin Wasson discussed the change in Bylaws which goes into affect at the Caucus.

Treasurer Report by Robin Tucker (CR25) covered the past months financial transactions and handed out a report.

Fundraising by Cindy Golding

- Fall Festival became a community event instead of a fund raiser because of its proximity to the Reagan Breakfast. It did focus on caucus

Caucus Status Update by Randy Lucore

- Caucus sites are final with a couple of sections. A primary goal was to keep House Districts together to support candidate interaction. A couple are not yet confirmed.
- Presented the precincts for each House District by location.
- Priorities for caucus planning are to finalize precinct locations, assign site captains, recruit volunteers for temporary chairs and secretaries and extra staff at some locations, plan caucus training, credential preparations and caucus results reporting using the new app.
- Paul Pelletier summarized caucus cost commitments
- Paul, Randy and Cindy answered questions.

Convention Status by Dan Hess (CR14)

- A question came up concerning the location. The Clarion Hotel is the planned location and its financial status is stable and thru a bank. No changes are anticipated.

2015 Audit Team by Jim Miller

- Progress is being made on almost all of the action items. Accounts are reconciled and in good shape. Automating the transfer of data from QuickBooks to the DR2 needs to be done.
- Need to facilitate getting records assembled and to the Records Team.

New Business

- Althea Cole moved to extend the contract with the LongBranch a contract price of \$125 and seconded. Three points were made as reasons to delay a vote on the discussion. One reason was expressed based on cost. The second issue is the change in the bylaws which potentially increases the central committee membership after the 2016 Caucus. The third issue is the current membership should not bind the newly elected membership from the 2016 caucus. Brenda Krause moved to table the motion until the December meeting, second and passed.

Meeting Adjourned 8:30

Attachments

- October Meeting attendance was handed out

Excused Absence and Meeting Attendance - Contact the Chair by phone at (319) 423-9467 or Email the Secretary at Secretary@LinnCountyGOP.com.

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