

Linn County Republican Central Committee Meeting - June 21, 2016, Meeting Minutes
Road Map to Victory 2016 - Countdown - 139 Days to the Election
Longbranch Hotel, Cedar Rapids

Candidate Meet & Greet - Harry Foster (HD25), Ashley Hinson (HD67), Tim Gull (BOS District 3), Randy Ray (BOS District #4)

Other Speakers - Ryan Kelly (RPI), Randy Lucore (HIA02), Emma Nemecek (TBER)

House District 67 Election - Randy Achenbach elected to replace Taylor Nelson as House District 67 Representative

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

Invocation - Dr. Don Nelson (CR24)

Pledge of Allegiance - Wayne Null (MR06)

Pass The Bucket - room cost is \$250

Guest Introductions - David Ward (retired veteran), Adam Jensen (retired veteran), David Bickford

Chair Remarks - Brett Mason (CR06) Co-Chair is out of town, reviewed why people volunteered from last meeting and recalled that we are here to elect Republicans, recognized people who helped with the Robins Parade, recognized those who helped with the Asian Fest, recognized District and State Convention delegates. The LCRCC has more Linn County Republican candidates than in decades, successful fundraisers and consistent support of our candidates. It takes volunteers to make the central committee successful.

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

Approve Minutes - Craig Hanson (CR04) moved to approve the May minutes as written, MSP.

Executive Committee Report

Cindy Golding, Chair

- Dee Johnson (CR24) reported on HD 65 activities, including door knocking and a house event at her residence that included a meal.
- Recognized House District Representatives - Dan Hess (HD66), Randy Achenbach (HD67), Wayne Null (HD68), Roger Walton (HD69), Brenda Hart (HD70), John Haible (HD95)
- Roger Walton (CR41) read a prepared statement remembering Paul Pelletier who passed the night before the last monthly meeting. A memorial was also held for Paul. (See enclosed)

Gary Ellis (CR24), Secretary

- Moved to elect Riley Batterson (CR10) as an associate member, passed.
- Scrubbed the LCRCC membership list with the help of Todd Morgan. The following information and actions were taken; removed Thomas Cooke (MVS), Rebecca Murry (CR33), Carolyn (Renee) Schulte (CR13), Richard Stewart (CR22) and Elle-Victoria Gray (TFRA) who are no longer registered as Republicans. Noted that Danny Lucore (TMON2) and Ian Hollinger (CR43) are no longer living within the precinct where they were elected.
- At Justin Wasson's request, a motion was made to remove those who are no longer listed as registered Republicans and work with the MEMBERSHIP TEAM to contact those who have changed precincts. The question was called and passed. The original motion passed.

Community Events Report by Emma Nemecek (TBER) and Brenda Krause (MR08) - discussed the Gun Show at Hawkeye Downs, thanked the volunteers who helped with the Asian Fest and requested volunteers to help with the upcoming Linn County Fair Booth.

Team Member Volunteers - Cindy Golding, Chair, reviewed teams needing volunteers that included asking for; Marketing and PR would like a dedicated photographer, Brenda Hart (CR27) (Fundraising Team Leader) asked Dwayne Farmer (CR07) to lead the Chili Cook Off and is seeking someone to lead

the Reagan Breakfast. Debbie Ketelsen could use some help, Youth Outreach and the Sign Team could use help. Election Process Team is seeking PEO's and Poll Watchers. Would like some Letter Writers.

Cindy Golding Chair, turned the meeting over to David Chung (CR31) as temporary Chair.

Chili Cook Off - Dwayne Farmer reviewed preparations for the event and asked for volunteers.

Election Process Team by Gary Ellis -

- Reviewed the LCRCC annual subscription for registered voters from the Linn County Auditor. The list goes to the Chair and Bruce Bernier who distributes the list to candidates, campaigns and central committee members. The data contains sensitive and private information. It is used to verify that people who request membership are registered Republicans.
- Satellite Voting - anyone may propose a list and develop a petition. 100 signatures required.
- Voter Registration - LCRCC will be providing forms to the candidates.
- Recruiting volunteers for absentee balloting, poll watching, PEO's, etc.
- Investigating voter qualifications

Jim Conklin (MR06) moved that this body authorize an independent committee to present the Caucus Night Expenses to the LCRCC at the July 2016 monthly meeting. Jim Conklin will be the temporary chair, a permanent chair to be elected at the first meeting to be held June 23rd from 5:00 to 6:00. pm. The first meeting to be held at the First Avenue Godfather's Pizza restaurant. The membership will not be limited in numbers, anyone from the LCRCC is welcome to join between tonight and the first meeting. After the first meeting additional members will be included as guests. Seconded. Don Nelson moved to TABLE discussion of this motion until after the final CAUCUS TEAM REPORT. MSP

Membership Team by Justin Wasson (CR23) - The Membership Team moves that the Membership and Meeting Setup Team Chair (Team Leader) and Secretary receive the biweekly and annual voter registration subscription from the County Auditor's Office for Membership purposes. MSP

Justin Wasson moved that David Bickford (MR05) and Adam Jensen (CR01) be added to the membership. MSP

Secretary Note - David Bickford is not a registered Republican. His name is on the Linn Election roll as "incomplete" and consequently is not yet a member of the LCRCC.

Caucus Report by Laura Kamienski (CR16) provided a detailed report covering:

- Caucus **turnout** across 22 locations and 86 precincts. Record Attendance. Candidates and national surrogates from 6 campaigns,
- Finances - Made money. \$19,626.85 in Lincoln bags. In-Kind donations. Pre-Caucus Rally
- Feedback - Caucus night in-person comments were 3:1 positive, conducted a summary/feedback meeting at KTOS and received email and website comments which will be summarized in the report.
- Lessons Learned - start early. Secure site locations. Secure site captains. Don't rely exclusively on party or county lists for volunteers because data gets outdated. Increasing reliance on technology - phone apps, free conference calls, Google docs, etc.
- Recognize that the caucus date could change.

Dan Kauffman (CR17) moved to extend the meeting until all business is complete. MSP

Sign Team by Dwayne Farmer - discussion of the 75 day rule.

Jim Conklin's motion on caucus expenses was brought forward. The question was called. MSP. The original motion failed. Division called. Vote was 17 in favor 24 opposed.

Pass the Hat - \$250

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Kevin Thumma - moved that the Membership Team look at who have missed multiple meetings and move them to associate membership. The Membership Team will discuss the issue at the next meeting.

Justin Wasson announced that the Membership Team will meet on August 3rd, 7 pm at Godfather's.

Kevin Thumma announced that the CVA (Concerned Veterans of America) will meet June 28th, 4:45 to 6:45 PM. A meal follows the meeting.

There were several other announcements for events that have passed. Generally announcements are included on the FaceBook Page and the web page.

Adjourned at 9:15 PM

Paul Jeffrey Pelletier, June 19, 2016

I will always consider Paul as a friend. His energy was stimulating. (I could not help but to be drawn to Paul). For the past few years, Paul was working on issues with the Veteran's Administration. Since these issues still exist, his parents have allowed me to continue on Paul's issues. Therefore, Cindy and I have reviewed some of Paul's private documents.

Paul was suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury. Paul also suffered from issues with his physical health. A physician stated that he needed continued health care or he would die a premature death. Which he did.

Over the past few years, there had been conjecture, speculation, rumors and false assumptions made about Paul. Now that Cindy and I have reviewed Paul's paperwork, we will correct anyone with the truth, if they distort Paul's past.

Paul was a patriot, he believed in this country, and he was willing to put his life on the line to protect this great country. It was Paul's service to this country that caused his premature death.. However, regardless of all of his personal issues, Paul continued to volunteer, trying to make a difference in the country we live in, and he loved and supported his son.

Paul's positive energy will be missed.

Thank You.

Roger Walton

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