

Linn County Republican Central Committee Meeting - September 20, 2016, Meeting Minutes
Road Map to Victory 2016 - Countdown - 48 Days to the Election, Longbranch Hotel, Cedar Rapids

Candidate Meet & Greet -

- Dan Zumbach - Senate District 48
- Tim Gull - Supervisor District 3
- Randy Ray - Supervisor District 4

Call to Order – 7:00 pm Brett Mason (CR06), Co-Chair

Invocation - Richard Bice

Pledge of Allegiance - Grant Gardner (TGRA)

Pass The Bucket - room cost is \$250

Guest Speaker - Ryan Kelly (RNC) - Victory office opened at 4112 Center Point Rd. NE, CR.

Chair Remarks - Offered condolences for Supervisor District 2 candidate Adam Jensen whose father passed away on Friday. Adam is off the campaign for several days to attend to family matters. Offered condolences for Marianne Miller-Meeks at the passing of her mother. Tammy Soukup (CR17) won the ticket to the Reagan Breakfast. Everyone needs to support volunteering and recruiting

Approve the Agenda - David Turner (CR31) moved to approve the agenda. MSP

Approve Minutes - Moved to approve the September meeting minutes. MP

Executive Committee Report by Brett Mason, Co-Chair

- The Executive Committee conducted an LCRCC Team Meeting. The objective was to discuss plans to facilitate election support for candidates and by the LCRCC.

Records and Candidate Support Team by Matt O'Neal (CR35)

- Reported the county status of absentee ballots comparing 2012 and 2016
- Recognized the contribution of Bruce Bernier and Kathy Potts

Local Candidate Support Team by Kim Reem (MR08)

- Moved to contribute \$1500 to Supervisor District 2 campaign for Adam Jensen. MP
- Moved to raise the budget for advertising from \$600 to \$2,000. The motion would enable a contract with Lamar Advertising to purchase a combination of static and electronic billboards messaging "Vote Republican". MP

Treasurer Report by Robin Tucker (CR25) reported July, August and September expenditures. Discussed the status of fundraising and membership support of the budget.

Fundraising Team - by Kevin Slaman (CR26). Recognized Brenda Hart's (CR27) contribution to the Fundraising Team. Encouraged support for the Reagan Breakfast on October 15, 2016 at Kirkwood. Mayor Ron Corbett, Republican Party Chair Jeff Kaufmann and Governor Branstad will speak.

Parade Team by Steve West (HIA01) - Marion Swamp Fox Parade is September 24th. Could use help putting up signs, welcomes donations and volunteers.

Election Process Team by Gary Ellis (CR24)

- Recognized volunteers who are supporting poll watching recruiting. Asked for volunteers to sign up as Poll Watchers. Absentee ballots will be sent starting 9/29
- Nursing homes - The Auditor sends teams of one Republican and one Democrat to every facility to help nursing home citizens vote.
- Satellite voting stations are open starting 10/17.
- Discussed the status of absentee ballot requests which is down significantly

Sign Team - Dwayne Farmer (CR07) reported the status of candidate signs.

Membership Team by Justin Wasson (CR23). Moved to elect Kayla Utley to TWAS. MP

Secretary Reference - The July 19, 2016 minutes "The LCRCC will accept guests requesting membership at one meeting and then voted in as members and credentialed at the next meeting". The process allows time to verify contact information and confirmation of registration".

Moved to make Barb Thumma (CR09) the precinct representative for CR09 and make David Carrick (CR09) an Associate member. Craig Hanson called the question. MSP Motion carried 25-14.

Secretary Reference: LCRCC ByLaws III. REMOVAL OF COMMITTEE PERSONS

- *The criteria for removal of members is defined by Section IV of the Linn County Republican Constitution. The term in the Constitution, "inattention to duty" shall include the following considerations for revocation of membership:*
 - *Revocation of membership is immediate if a member submits a notice of resignation, and the Chair or a designee of the Chair accepts the resignation.*
 - *Revocation of membership is immediate if a member is no longer registered in Linn County as a Republican.*
 - *Revocation of membership is immediate in the case of the death of a member.*
- *Removal for any other reason shall not be effected until the member is given an opportunity to be heard at the next meeting after which his or her removal is introduced.*

Secretary Reference: Linn County Republican Constitution, IV Membership of Central Committee

- *A member may be removed by the County Central Committee for inattention to duty, incompetence, or active support of an opponent of a Republican nominee.*

The next Membership meeting is scheduled for October 4th, 7pm, Godfather's.

Dan Hess (CR14) moved to extend the meeting to 8:45. MSP

Pass the Hat - The Treasurer reported \$105 were collected for the meeting room.

Old Business, New Business & Announcements

- Althea Cole (CR07) spoke of CAFE 361 youth and requested donations to provide food for Victory Office. Mary Erzen (CR07) moved to Pass the bucket for the Victory office food. MSP
- Brett Mason noted Laura Kamienski (CR26) presented her first case before the Iowa Supreme Court.
- Ken Rizer Fundraiser, Friday at 5:30 at Pate Asphalt.
- Randy Lucore (HIA02) reported a problem at his business with Auto Owners Insurance, the LCRCC insurance provider. Moved to look into other insurance carriers, MSP
- Brett Mason announced the Iowa Faith and Freedom Coalition Family dinner in Des Moines on Saturday
- Robin Tucker mentioned the October 11th, 5 Seasons Republican Women

Adjourn, 8:48 PM

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

Minutes prepared by Gary Ellis, Secretary