

LCRCC Goals:

These are the goals that the LCRCC have adopted in 2013.

- Integrity of Elections
- Sustainable Visibility
- Increased Republican Participation

LCRCC Responsibilities:

These are the responsibilities of the LCRCC in achieving these goals:

- Caucuses
- Conventions
- Elections

LCRCC Mission Statement:

The Linn County Republican Central Committee works to elect Republicans in support of the principles, goals, and ideals of the Republican Party:

- To educate the electorate
- To inspire and cultivate leadership
- To employ and develop the members' talents and abilities
- To preserve for future generations our rights, liberties and privileges as Americans.

1 Introduction

The November meeting of the Linn County Republican Central Committee (LCRCC) was held at the Linn County Victory Office in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on November 18, 2014 at 7:00pm. Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

2 Attendees:

The official number of people whom attended the October 21st, 2014 LCRCC meeting is **63**; the number of excused is **3**; the number of guest is **5**.

Note: This section will now be a standalone appendix to these meeting minutes. Reviewing & approval of this appendix will occur at each of the official LCRCC Tuesday night meetings each month.

3 Meeting Business

3.1 Invocation – Richard Bice (MR10)

3.2 Pledge of Allegiance – Roger Walton (CR10)

3.3 Special Recognition – Justin Wasson (CR23)

- A special video thank-you was shown to the LCRCC in honoring Megan Hippensteel (CR05) for her dedicated work this past election season in her phone banking efforts.
- A golden phone was presented to her for record breaking phone banking.

3.4 Introduction of Dignitaries Present - Cindy Golding (TMON1)

- See Appendix A for the list of Guests & Dignitaries
- Cindy Golding (TMON1) picked Brett Mason (CR06) & Richard Bice (MR10) to serve as Sargent of Arms for this meeting.
- Cindy Golding (TMON1) picked Paul Pelletier (CR15) to serve as the Parliamentarian for this meeting.

3.5 Recommendation from RPI pertaining to Treasurer – Cindy Golding (TMON1)

- Cindy Golding (TMON1) received a phone call about 4pm (11/18/14) from RPI Attorney Charlie Smithson (Former Chair for the Iowa Ethics Board) which made the recommendation that the LCRCC body ask for the resignation of the Treasurer due to the appearance of the DR2s not matching LCRCC Financial Statements & records:
 - Cindy Golding (TMON1) read the following findings from Charlie Smithson received via email:
 - “After overlooking the various LCRCC financial statements & DR2s forms there does not appear to be any intentional deceitful practices however nearly 40 errors were identified over an 18 months period of time following into one of three categories; misattributions of contributions, failure to report contributions, and failure to deposit contributions in a timely fashion. Over a dozen of instances of misattributions can be found involving approximately \$2390 worth of contributions; equally frequent are the occurrences of failure to deposit funds in a timely manner resulting in at least \$3626 worth of funds being held up 2 months or more after receipt by the Treasurer; additionally there were at least 11 instances in contributions failing to be reported at all totaling \$680, and finally \$100 in funds were misappropriated & misreported on April 14. “
 - LCRCC Chair was advised to ask the LCRCC Body to ask the Treasurer to step aside as the Iowa Ethics & Disclosure Board finishes this investigation, as a demonstration that LCRCC is taking corrective action to our procedures to avoid substantial fines. If we do not every single instances in the email report received by the LCRCC Chair on 11/18/14 could contribute to a fines.
 - Cindy Golding (TMON1) asked the Treasurer Jim Conklin (MR06) to step aside as she was advised by RPI Attorney Charlie Smithson. **(Readdressed after approval of agenda)**
 - Jim Conklin (MR06) – Addressed the LCRCC Body on the accusations made against him – was not informed about these findings before the meeting.
 - Explained to the LCRCC Body some of the instances that were mentioned in the email report once he was presented a hard copy of the report by the LCRCC Chair when asked.
 - Respectively declined to resigned & will contact Charlie Smithson & asked the LCRCC to continue the meeting.
 - Gary Ellis (CR24) – **Made a motion that we accept the recommendation of RPI’s Attorney Charlie Smithson for the Treasurer to step aside and elect a temporary Treasurer. Motion withdrawn since Jim Conklin (MR06) agreed to step aside – Parliamentarian Paul Pelletier (CR15) made a ruling that it was okay to have motion withdrawn after several objections were made to the contrary.**
 - Discussion held
 - Dan Null (MR06)– **Made a Amendment to this Motion for Jim Conklin to have time to answer these charges & provide answers to the LCRCC body. Amendment Fails**
 - Call to Question – **Passes**
 - Division Called on the Amendment
 - Call to Question – Not Passed / Division called – **Not Passed –**
 - Heated discussion continued on the original motion.
 - **Jim Conklin (MR06) indicated that he would temporarily step aside & not step down as Treasurer to stop the divisiveness & asked that someone like Justin Wasson (CR23) be elected as temporary treasurer.**
 - LCRCC Chair indicated that nominations would be made from the body for a temporary Treasurer:
 - Brenda Hart (CR27) nominated Jim Miller (CR11) – 2nd (24 votes)
 - Wayne Null (MR06)nominated Justin Wasson (CR23) – 2nd (21 votes)
 - Richard Bice (MR10)made **motion to cease nominations – Motion Passed**
 - Robin Tucker (CR25) asked that the voting be done by written ballot – Julie Blumer (TBRO) passed out Blue ballots.
 - Gregory Hood (MR04)– **Motion for Justin Wasson & Jim Miller serve as co-treasurers** – This motion voted invalid by the Parliamentarian as voting was already in progress.
 - Remade the motion – Informed that the interim treasurer can pick whomever he wants on his team – LCRCC body already made the decision pertaining to Treasurer.

3.6 Agenda: Cindy Golding (TMON1)

- Call to Question was made to approve the Agenda in order for the business meeting of the LCRCC can officially start.

3.7 Reports –

3.7.1 Secretary's Report – Mary Ernzen (CR07)

- Hardcopies of October 21th 2014 LCRCC Meeting Minutes were passed out.
- October 21th 2014 LCRCC Meeting Minutes approved as amended.
 - The official LCRCC minutes will contain the list of attendee names as a standalone appendix A.

3.7.2 Treasurer's Report – Jim Conklin (MR06)

- Presented the Treasurer's Report
 - Asked about the Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser - Jim Conklin (MR06) informed body that he has not received money or report from Randy Lucore (HIA1)– chairperson for this event.
 - John Haible (TSPR) wants on the record that the issue of not reporting income or depositing income is sometimes not the fault of the Treasurer but people not getting the funds & report to the treasurer.
- Pass the Bucket (pays for the room)- **Meeting Adjourned before totals given.**

3.7.3 Credentials Team – Julie Blumer (TBRO)

- Credentialed LCRCC voting members = **43**; Seated **& 3** Associates

3.7.4 Executive/Advisory Committee – Matthew O Neal (CR35)

- Matthew O Neal provided a overview on the Executive/Advisory Committee meeting held on Nov 8, 2014 at 3pm .
 - NO Decemeber LCRCC Business meeting on December 16th 2014 as that is the Annual LCRCC Holiday Party.
 - Motion made per the Webmaster that the Facebook Group Page be eliminated & migrate to the Facebook Fan Page. **Moved to the WebMaster portion of the agenda as recommended by the Parliamentarian**
 - Motion made by the Webmaster to purchase to SW to streamline the Facebook Fan Page. **Moved to the WebMaster portion of the agenda as recommended by the Parliamentarian**
 - Motion to allow the 2 Executives (Chair & Co-Chair) to write a check for the insurance. **Note: Not voted on by the LCRCC body – meeting adjourned before vote taken**

3.7.5 Election Activities – Gary Ellis (CR24)

- Meeting adjourned before report given

3.7.6 Events Team – Brenda Hart (CR27)

- Meeting adjourned before report given

3.7.7 Office Team – Matthew O Neal (CR35)

- Meeting adjourned before report given.

3.7.8 Communication Team – Bill Dahlsten (CR24)

- Meeting adjourned before report given

3.7.9 Webmaster – James Knox (CR04)

- Meeting adjourned before report given.

3.7.10 Office Team – Matthew O Neal (CR35)

- Meeting adjourned before report given.

3.7.11 Finance Team – Randy Lucore ()

- Meeting adjourned before report given.

3.8 Old Business

- No Old Business – Meeting adjourned before any Old Business could be addressed

3.9 New Business - Cindy Golding (TMON1)

- New Members voted in **0** – (See Appendix A: Attendee List) Meeting Adjourned before New Business could be brought up.

3.9.1 Announcements – (See the LCRCC website or the Linn GOP Facebook or LCRCC Google Calendar for all announcements)

- **Announcements must be presented to the chair before the meeting in writing.**

3.10 Adjournment

James Knox - **Motion to adjourn the meeting** - **Motion Passed.**

4 Appendix A: Attendance Information

See the LCRCC Secretary for this appendix.