

**Road Map to Victory 2016 - 475 Days to Election 2016**

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

**Candidate Time and other announcements - 6:30 pm**

- Pete Rodgers - Fiorina
- Emma Nemecek (TBER) - Cruz
- Quentin Marquez - Perry
- Caleb Huegel - Bush
- Brenda Hart (CR27) - Walker
- Bernie Hayes (CR24) - Carson
- Matt O'Neal (CR35) - Cruz
- Ann Rosenthal - Running for Re-election to the Cedar Rapids School Board
- Nathan Hohnstein - AFP
- Fred Schuster - Senator Grassley

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

**Invocation** - Bernie Hayes (CR24)

**Pledge of Allegiance** - Roger Walton (CR41)

**Pass the Hat** - started

**Guest Introductions** - Adam Wacholz (RPI), Nathan Hohnstein, Pete Rodgers, Caleb Huegel, Jordan Wiggans

**Guest Speaker** - Adam Wachholz - discussed the United Iowa Rally, State Convention moved from 5/14/2016 to 5/21/2016, App for reporting caucus results ready in October

**Announcements**

- Lt. Paul Pelletier (CR15), (fmr) USNR, has been unanimously elected to serve as President of the Dept. of Iowa Reserve Officers Association
- Roger Walton (CR41), (vet) USAF, re-elected as Post Commander of Post #671, Swisher.
- Emma Nemecek, Community Events Team Leader announced Linn County Fair Volunteers - Brett & Debbie Mason, Jonas Mason, Gary Ellis, Robin Tucker, Emma Nemecek, Kelly Love, Raylene Grose, Eric Rosenthal, Peter Rogers, Megan Hippensteel, Harry Foster, John Hulsizer, Harold Barnes, Richard Bice, Dan & Tina Hess, Laura Skogman, Deb & Mike Dupree, Jon & Phyllis Griswold, Tom Kinchloe, Matt O'Neal, Justin Greiss, Matt Horihan, Caleb Huegel, Brenda Krause, Bernie Hayes, Cindy & Joe Golding
- Emma Nemecek - Asian Fest
- Brenda Hart and Cindy Golding - Chile Cook-off
  - \* Volunteers - Emma Nemecek, Brenda Hart, Wayne Null, Deb Foster, Mary Kay Pinkney, Greg White, Kelly Love & girls, Jim & Marlene Miller, Brett & Debbie Mason, Joel & Laura Mason, Gary Ellis, Caleb Huegel, Joni Scotter, John Hulsizer, Kathy Pearson, Paul Pelletier & Noah Pelletier, Ron Rohrssen, Brenda Krause, Cindy & Joe Golding, Dani, Ian, Kieran & Alyssia Heck

- \* Linn County Fair Candidate Attendees and honored guests - Sen. Lindsay Graham, Congressman Blum and wife Karen, Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey, State House Representative Rizer, Louis Zumbach, President Linn County Fair Board, and Fair Princesses Sierra Dougherty , Sara Anne Kettelcamp
- \* Media Coverage by Channel 2 News and the CR Gazette.
- \* Emma Nemecek won the Chili Cook-off and Cindy Golding came in second
- Steve West, Parade Team Leader announced Freedom Festival Parade Volunteers - Steve West, Carl and Beth Zauche, Jim and Teresa Conklin, Martin Conklin and kids, Robin Tucker.
- Steve West - RAGBRAI Preparations

**Chair Update** - The Chair stated she has no authority over personal websites or Facebook page. There are whisper campaigns going on. Damaging rumors are posted that are either not true or are partial truths. The Chair asked members to be civil and respectful to each other. Other County Chairs are contacting us and reporting embarrassing behavior by some of our members.

**Approve Agenda** - The Chair received an email at 5:00 and proposed adding an item for the Membership Team at the end of the agenda. Dan Kaufman moved to amend the agenda, "To remove the time limit" and seconded. Call the question moved, seconded and passed. The amendment, "To remove the time limit" failed by 27-15. Motion "To approve the agenda with the addition of the Meeting and Setup Team added" passed.

**Approve June Minutes** - Wayne Null moved, "To accept the June Minutes as written," seconded and passed.

## Executive Committee Report

- Gary Ellis (CR24), Secretary
  - Summary of Organization Plan status
    - March, 2015 to May, 2015 activities completed - teams and infrastructure organized as planned, election of House District representatives complete, organized and held an Advisory Committee meeting
    - June 2015, to December, 2015 work in progress - raise funds for Caucus, build teams to plan the Caucus and Convention, reach out and engage Republicans.
    - Presidential Campaigns and Events
    - Advisory Committee Meeting - July 7, 2015
    - Iowa High School Mock Caucus
- Robin Tucker (CR25)
  - Treasurer report balance as of 6/1
  - IECDB Financial Activity Training session
  - NOTE - Beginning July 1, 2015 the Central Committee is obligated to capture names and addresses for any donation or in kind contribution of \$25 or more. Cumulative contributions of \$50 or more require reporting on the Central Committee's DR2.
- Matt O'Neal (CR35) - Advisory Committee Report
- Gary Ellis - Secretary - moved to add new members Phil Shook (CR10) and Dan Seufferlein (CR01), seconded and passed.

**Membership Bylaws Team** - Dan Seufferlein, Team Lead, report included proposals eliminating excused absences, revising and removing the Assistant Committee member classifications, add a member classification of Associate Members and discussed the idea of additional members as proportioned based on the Republican results from the last general election. Handed out and collected a survey requesting insight from the body for how many additional members would be added.

**Caucus Team Lead** - Paul Pelletier (CR15)

- Discussed 5 options for precinct caucus locations
- Volunteers were requested and sheets handed out to collect names.
- Fund raising potential.
- Minimum Location standards
- Asked for questions via email to the Team Lead, Chair, phone calls, etc.

**Marketing and PR Team** - Frank Sladek (CR35)

- Republican Outreach
- Letters to the Editor
- Cheesy Video Contest - pst and sign a release form and send them to Brett Mason

**Fundraising** - Brenda Hart (CR27)

- Date for the BBQ is undecided. Working to coordinate with Campaigns.
- October 3rd is the Reagan Breakfast.
- December 15th Christmas Party
- Night before the Caucus Dinner

**Convention** - Dan Hess (CR14)

- Meet 2nd Tuesday of the Month at Linn Co. GOP Office 7:00 pm
- Wayne Null has replaced Jim Felker
- Asked for volunteers
- Dan moved, "That the Platform Committee hold their first meeting no later than Saturday 6 February, 2016, the Rules Committee will hold their first meeting no later than Monday 8 February, 2016 and the Credentials Committee will hold their first meeting no later than Monday 15 February, 2016." Motion seconded and passed.

**Membership and Meeting Setup** - Justin Wasson (CR23)

- George Olmsted and Michael Anthony are offered as new members. Referred to the Executive Committee.
- Moved to remove Thomas Potts (no longer registered as a Republican), Kenny Drannen (no longer lives in the county) and Caroline Kelly (she asked to be removed). MSP.
- Offered a draft charter for the Membership and Meeting Setup Team. The Chair referred the request to the Membership Bylaws Team because two of the proposed duties are assigned to the Secretary under the bylaws.

Point of Personal Privilege raised by Paul Pelletier to request that Greg Hood be removed from the meeting for violating the rules of decorum by shouting and disrupting the meeting. MF.

Dan Kaufman moved, "To extend the time of the meeting indefinitely" and seconded. Robin Tucker moved to amend the motion, "To extend the meeting for 15 minutes". MF. The original motion, "To extend the time of the meeting indefinitely" passed.

## **Old Business**

The Chair recognized speakers who arrived after the initial time:

- Jordan Wiggans spoke representing Sen. Rubio.
- Steve Scheffler provided an update on why the Iowa Straw Poll was canceled. Steve explained the plans for binding delegates vote at the national nomination convention in 2016 based on Caucus results.

Gary Ellis spoke on the urgency to deal with the Lundby-Thompson Memorial Fund which has been outstanding since 2009. The Chair agreed to put the issue on next months meeting agenda.

## **New Business**

Steve West moved "To remove James Knox as Webmaster and social media of the Linn County Republican Central Committee." The question was called by Brenda Hart, seconded and the motion failed. Althea Cole moved that the "Vote on the motion be by secret ballot," seconded. The question was called, seconded and passed. The vote on the motion to vote by secret ballot passed. The original motion, "To remove James Knox as Webmaster and social media of the Linn County Republican Central Committee," failed to pass on a division vote of 17-17.

The Treasurer reported the Pass the Hat total was \$86.02 for June and \$86.00 for July.

## **Meeting Adjourned**

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

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