

Linn County Republican Central Committee Meeting - April 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Road Map to Victory 2016 - Countdown - 209 Days to the Election

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

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

Invocation - Don Nelson (CR24)

Pledge of Allegiance - Brett Mason (CR06)

Pass The Hat - meeting cost is \$250

Guest Introductions - Tim Reineke, Nick Glen, Riley Barterson, Edith Ann Muth, Bonnie Clark, Jaylee Chung

Guest Speaker - Tom Thompson and Richard Bice spoke about the latest Honor Flight.

Chair Report - Cindy Golding discussed activities for the first quarter of 2016; Caucus and County Convention. There is a large slate of local Republicans running. We need Republicans volunteering and getting out the vote in 2016. Brett will announce some new teams and request volunteers sign up.

Quorum - The Chair asked in there was a quorum. Gary Ellis (CR24), Secretary confirmed a quorum was present.

Approve the Agenda - Joni Scotter (MR09) moved to approve the agenda, MSP.

Approve Minutes - Wayne Null (MR06) moved to approve the March 15, 2016 minutes, MSP. *Secretary Note - The March minutes were approved without receipt of the attendance.*

Executive Committee Report

Brett Mason (CR06), Co-Chair

- Caucus - record breaking attendance, completed under budget, report due next month
- County Convention - Completed under budget and on time. Report due next month.
- District Convention - Great participation and record number of Linn County candidates. The following were elected to State Convention positions; Eric Rosenthal (CR10), State Central Committee, Eric Rosenthal and Sen. Dan Zumbach, State Nominating Committee, David Chung (CR31) Rules Committee, Justin Wasson (CR23) Credentials and Matt O'Neal (CR35) to Platform.
- House District Representative Meetings have been asked to meet in their districts and gather input to bring to the Advisory Committee. They were all introduced.
- Eric Rosenthal is stepping down as House District 66. The LCRCC needs someone in House District 66 to step up and be elected to represent House District 66.
- A signup sheet for volunteering on LCRCC teams was passed around. Team Leaders were introduced and asked to meet with volunteers at 8:30.
- On May 19th the LongBranch has a business conflict. The chair asked for a motion to either move the next monthly meeting up a week or relocate the meeting to KTOS. Steve West (HIA01) moved to change the May 19th meeting location to KTOS, MSP. KTOS is Kirkwood Training and Operations Service building at 3375 Armar DR, Marion.
- GOP State Convention is at the Iowa Fairgrounds Varied Industries Building May 21, 2016

Gary Ellis (CR24), Secretary

- Discussed election integrity in regard to Illegal Voter Monitoring asking for volunteers.
- Discussed letter writing. Asked for volunteers to support letter writing. He has received requests from Rep. Rod Blum and Sen. Chuck Grassley.

Robin Tucker (CR25), Treasurer

- March income and Expenses - Handout
- Mock Caucus Summary - Moved to transfer \$149.92 from the restricted savings account to the checking account. MP
- Discussed the Caucus and County Convention Expenses
- Pass the Bucket - \$250.17

State Central Committee (SCC) - David Chung - After 8 years, David has stepped down from the SCC. Eric Rosenthal, Shelle Adkins and Bethany Gates were elected to the SCC. Recognized the time savings of the electronic voting at the District Convention. Rules for the State Convention are posted on the LCRCC website. A slate for national delegates has been selected and will be put forward.

Fundraising Team Report by Brenda Hart (CR27)

- The Lincoln Dinner includes several dignitaries, Sen. Chuck Grassley is the keynote speaker. Other invited speakers include Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds, Sec. of State Paul Pate, State Auditor Mary Mosiman, RPI Chairman Jeff Kaufmann and many, many local candidates.
- Volunteers sought for the Chili Cook Off at the Linn County Fair is June 25th.

Community Events Report by Emma Nemecek (TBER)

- Asian Fest - June 11th, McGrath Amphitheatre from 2-10 PM
- May 4th - WWII Vet Grave Marker Dedication
- May 18th - Honor Flight
- TBD - Naturalization Ceremony - pending Sen. Grassley schedule

Youth Outreach Team Report by Micah Hawker-Boehnke (MVS) - Micah is asking for volunteers to sign up to support the effort, specifically attorneys to assist students on free speech. Other volunteers would support interacting with High School and College students and encouraging young Republicans to participate.

Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Location - Don Nelson and Richard Bice reported on activities. The committee recommended that future meetings be held at the Longbranch. The Committee moved to adopt the recommendation. MSP. Justin Wasson moved that we pay no more than \$125 per room to meet at the LongBranch. MSP.

Ad Hoc Committee for Bylaws - David Chung was appointed Chair of an Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee. David identified members as follows; Gary Ellis, Kathy Potts, Robin Tucker, Justin Wasson, Dr. Don Nelson, Brenda Hart and Kristen Carlson. The primary focus will be to consider creating standing committees and defining the roles and governance of those committees. The committee would make recommendations that would presumably go into effect in 2017.

Dan Kaufman moved to extend the meeting until completion of business, seconded. Division called, the motion passed (??).

Old Business

Jim Conklin moved to take the motion concerning returning to a previous committee structure and approved charters used in the 2013-2014 cycle off the table. The question was called, MSP. The motion failed to pass.

New Business

Justin Wasson moved to accept a number of people as Associates. The list provided reads as follows; Kelly Love (CR13), Bonnie Clark (CR17), Sandra Brodrecht (MR10), Gene Brodrecht (MR10), Tim Reineke (CR35), Edith Ann Muth (MR01), Nicholas Glen (TGRA), Riley Barterson (NR), Ruth Roberts (CR07), Roger Dvorak (CR25), Tim Gill (NR) and Janet Johnson (CR17. *MSP Secretary Note - Those listed as NR are not registered Republicans and are not approved as members.*

Justin Wasson moved to remove Sue Schneiderman as a Precinct Committee Member from CR17 and elect Tami Soukup in her place. David Chung asked that Sue Schneidermann be contacted. Althea Cole (CR07) moved to amend the motion to have the Team Leader of the Membership Team contact Sue Schneidermann. Gary Ellis asked that the Membership Team contact every member that has missed two meetings. Call the question; That the Membership Team send a registered letter to Sue Schneidermann. MSP The Chair asked the Membership Team Lead to explain the contact with Sue Schneiderman to determine if she wishes to continue. Justin Wasson said he would contact Sue Schneiderman by phone, email, letter and contact every member who has missed two meetings. The motion for the Membership Team Leader to contact Sue Schneidermann and the other members who had missed two meetings passed as amended.

Secretary Note - *The Bylaws require that the removal of a member must meet the criteria listed in the Linn County Constitution and the Bylaws.*

The Linn County Constitution states in section IV., "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 Linn County Bylaws state in Section III states;

" 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."

Matt O'Neal moved to adjourn, MSP.

Adjourned at 9:13 PM.

**Email the Secretary at Secretary@LinnCountyGOP.com with comments.
Minutes prepared by Gary Ellis, Secretary Linn County Republican Central Committee**