

**Linn County Republican Central Committee Meeting - February 21, 2017, Meeting Minutes**  
Longbranch Hotel, Cedar Rapids

**Call to Order** – 7:00 pm Justin Wasson, Chair

**Invocation** - David Carrick (CR 09)

**Pledge of Allegiance** - led by Vicente Javier (guest)

Contribution bucket for meeting expenses was circulated.

**Guest Speakers were introduced -**

- Vicente Javier, a legal immigrant to the US who became a citizen, reported on his efforts to learn the history of this country and the history of civil rights issues. He was pleasantly surprised at the key involvement of Republicans in ending slavery and advancing civil rights, and urged us to be proud of this party heritage.
- Brad Reiners (CR 19), Communication Manager at the Hoover Presidential Foundation. Brad announced that the Foundation provides Uncommon Service Awards to recognize Iowa legislators who distinguish themselves. Nomination forms are available at HooverPresidentialFoundation.org and the deadline is March 1. The Foundation also has a program to provide \$30,000 in scholarships of up to \$6,000 each to Iowa high school juniors. The Foundation and the Hoover Presidential Library have a speakers bureau available for groups of 20 people or more to speak on President Hoover's life and times and related topics.
- Rebecca Stonawski, Deputy Commissioner of Elections, is a new employee of the Linn County Auditor's Office. She is trained as an attorney and will be replacing Tim Box as the person in the auditor's office to be responsible for creating fair elections. She can be contacted at rebecca.stonawski@linncounty.org.

Credentials report showed 46 voting members, 8 associate members, and 7 guests present.

Proposed agenda was approved by voice vote.

January 17 meeting minutes were distributed at each table. Motion to approve the minutes carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Robin Tucker presented the Treasurer's Report. The report of income and expenses for January & part of February was distributed in printed form. (The budget for the current year is still pending approval.) Motion to approve the report and expenditures carried.

**Executive Committee Report**

Justin Wasson presented the Executive Committee Report. The executives are looking to establish a scholarship from LCRCC to allow one or two young Republicans to attend the CPAC conference in 2018.

Plans are underway to have a Lincoln Dinner fundraiser sometime this year; Laura Kamienski is directing the planning for this.

With updated voter registration information available, it has come to light that several prior LCRCC members have become ineligible for membership due to changing their party affiliation or by moving out of Linn County. Members who moved included Josiah Argo (CR 16), Gwendolyn Hartley Prime (CR 36), Derek Thorson (TWAS). Members whose membership was automatically ended due to change in party registration included Julie Hein, , Eric Burkle (CR 37), Andrew Globokar (HIA03), Althea Cole (CR 07), Joseph McEvoy (TBOU), Ashley Wagel ( ), and Scott Olson ( ). Jim Meisheid (TGRA) submitted a letter of resignation.

## **Team Reports**

### **Membership Team**

Todd Morgan (CR 05) presented the following proposed changes in membership. Luke Dona changed to precinct representative for CR 16. Dee Johnson, associate from CR 24 has moved to CR 06; she will be an associate member for CR 06. Nick Glenn is now in TGRA (?) but is not eligible to be a voting member; he will be contacted to clarify this. Dan Lucore (formerly TMON2) now lives in CR 12; proposed to associate member from CR 12. Randy Lucore moved to accept the changes as listed, seconded, carried.

Samuel Gustafson is thought to have moved out of the area. Membership team will continue attempts to confirm this, but no action was taken at this time.

Althea Cole and Scott Olson had changed voter registration to another party but are now registered as Republicans. Mary Ernzen (CR 07) moved to add Althea Cole as a voting member from CR07. Marvin Spragg (MR 07) moved to amend the motion to make her an associate member rather than a voting member. After second, discussion, and call for the question the amendment was defeated. The original motion was defeated 18-19.

Wayne Null (MR 06) has moved and will confer with the membership committee regarding possible changes to his status.

### **Youth Outreach**

Micah Hawker-Boehnke (MVS) reported on organizational efforts on college campuses. A binder of resources for campus Republican leaders has been compiled. Resources include a list potential guest speakers as well as suggested activities for local groups. Brad from Senator Grassley's office has been one of the available speakers. The Youth Outreach team would like two free tickets to the Lincoln Dinner to award to upcoming campus Republicans. They also request a \$300 budget to cover expenses related to duplicating the binder resources, purchasing additional binders, and providing pizza, etc. for campus Republican events. Motion to approve the two complimentary tickets and a budget of \$300 was carried.

### **Caucus Team**

Randy Lucore (HIA02), chair of the Caucus Team, reported that the team has distributed a Mailchimp survey via the email list and with the LCRCC meeting announcement. The survey asks for preferences for siting the caucuses at one physical site for the whole of Linn County, individual sites for each of the 86 precincts, one site for each of the Iowa House districts in the county, or perhaps ten sites distributed

geographically. If you did not get the email link to respond to the survey, contact Randy to be added to the email list. The next Caucus Team meeting will be Tuesday March 7, 7:00 PM at Godfather's in the Town and Country Shopping Center.

### **Advisory Committee**

Gary Ellis (CR 24), chair of the Advisory Committee, reported that the Advisory Committee met January 25 and February 15. The committee is focused on reviewing or revising a mission statement for LCRCC as a whole, and on reviewing the set of teams and committees functioning in the past and recommending teams and committees for the current election cycle. Members are encouraged to give their ideas to the Advisory Committee member from their House District.

John Haible (TSPR) will be moving to Arlington, Iowa. The LCRCC members from House District 95 will need to elect a replacement Advisory Committee member from HD 95.

### **Old Business - Approval of 2017-2018 Budget**

The proposed budget for 2017-2018 was presented at the January meeting but approval was deferred at that time until this meeting. It was pointed out that subscription costs for the voter registration data have risen to \$300 per year and this was anticipated in the current budget amount of \$400. The proposed budget is an operating framework and is subject to amendment by the body as additional resources and needs are identified. Motion by Robin Tucker, treasurer, to accept the proposed budget carried.

### **New Business**

Craig Seely (CR 20) called attention to HR490, the Heartbeat Protection bill, introduced in Congress by Rep. Steve King. Craig moved to support finding out how many babies are aborted due to the "morning after" pill. Motion was amended to create a proclamation in support of Steve King's bill HR490. Motion carried.

Todd Morgan (CR 05) raised questions about the organization's web site. He proposed that the minutes be posted on the web site within 21 days of the meeting. The responsibility for web site communications is being explored but is not firm at this point. Motion was withdrawn without a vote.

John Haible (TSPR) requested that the secretary put election of a new HD95 Advisory Committee representative on the agenda for the March meeting.

### **Announcements:**

Mary Ernzen (CR 07) announced that the Credentials/Membership team will meet Monday March 6 at Godfather's Pizza at 6:30 PM. This team will have a standing meeting schedule for the first Monday of each month.

Caucus Team meets Tuesday March 7 at Godfather's.

Emma Nemecek (TBER) reported that she, Bill Dahlsten, Megan Hippensteel, Linda Dvorak, and buses from Johnson County and Scott County attended the collective bargaining public hearing in Des Moines. March 6 will be Legislative Day in Des Moines. Linn County Republican Women meet March 14. Emma attended naturalization ceremonies last week at the Czech and Slovak Museum; 75 people from 35

countries were naturalized. There will be another naturalization ceremony March 17 at the Northern District of Iowa Courthouse.

There will be a gun show at Hawkeye Downs March 17-19.

MSNBC is looking to interview some (ideally 6 to 10) lifelong Democrats who voted for Donald Trump in the November election. Their term for these voters is “unicorns” and they would like to include them in programming for March. If you know Democrat Trump voters who might participate, please contact Emma Nemecek.

Steve West requested help and volunteers for the SAPADAPASO (St. Patrick's Day) Parade Friday March 17 and the St. Joseph's Day Parade Saturday March 18 in Cedar Rapids. Contribution bucket was passed for funds to buy candy to distribute at the parades.

Todd Morgan (CR 05) acknowledged distinguished guests: Adam Wright of the Linn County Democrat Central Committee; Dell Lawrence, Linn County; Vicente Javier, Linn County; Melissa Hood, Linn County; Robert Zeck, Linn County, Fred Schuster, Senator Grassley's office; Joe Krenzelo, Davenport director for Americans for Prosperity; and Rebecca Stonawski, Linn County Auditor's Office.

Joe Krenzelo announced that Americans for Prosperity is opposing the proposed Border Adjustment Tax. They have arranged a meeting with Rod Blum regarding this issue on Thursday (Feb 23) at 10:45.

Jim Conklin (MR 06) announced that two of his granddaughters will be selling Girl Scout cookies after the meeting.

The pass-the-hat (bucket) total for meeting expenses was \$151.13.

Motion to adjourn carried at 8:52 P.M.

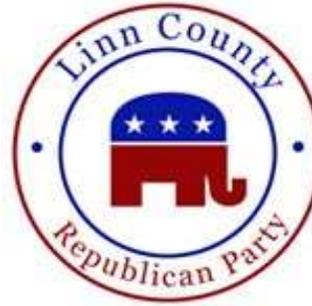
**Email the Secretary at [Secretary@LinnCountyGOP.com](mailto:Secretary@LinnCountyGOP.com) with comments.**

**Minutes prepared by Don Nelson, Secretary**

Attachments: Treasurer's Report, LCRCC 2017-2018 Budget as approved.

**Linn County GOP Central Committee**  
**Treasurer's Report - Unaudited**  
**For the February 21, 2017**

To be presented by Robin Tucker, LCRCC Executive Treasurer  
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Give Support?
\$35 Sustainers
\$100 Lincoln
\$365 buck a day
Pop Club ...

**Beginning Balances at 1/1/2017**

Checking	\$	7,922.92
Savings - restricted	\$	2,352.79
<b>Total Cash in bank at beginning of month</b>	\$	<b>10,275.71</b>

**Contributions in January**

Pass the Hat (January LCRCC meeting)	\$	145.00	
Contribution from Foster for Iowa (closed out his campaign)	\$	1,918.12	\$ 2,063.12

**January Committee Expenditures**

	Ck #		
The Longbranch (January LCRCC meeting)	2588	\$ (125.00)	
CNJ Investments (February office rent)	2589	\$ (275.00)	
Mediacom (Telephone/Internet Suite 110)	ACH	\$ (79.75)	
CR Copyworks (Reports for January meeting)	Debit	\$ (14.12)	
QB Online (monthly subscription)	ACH	\$ (36.00)	
		<b>Expenditures</b>	\$ (529.87)

Net change due to Checking account for regular business \$ **1,533.25**

<b>Checking balance as of 1/31/2017 for LCRCC for general operations</b>	\$	<b>9,456.17</b>
Savings - Earmarked for the Lundby/Thompson Memorial	\$	2,352.79
<b>Cash in Banks - Month End</b>	\$	<b>11,808.96</b>

**February 2017 activity as of meeting:**

Linn County Auditor & Commissioner of Elections	2590	\$ (200.00)	
SaPaDaPaSo (Parade for St. Patrick's Day on 3/17/17)	2591	\$ (50.00)	
US Postmaster (annual box fee for PO Box 1351)	Debit	\$ (94.00)	
Mediacom (Telephone/Internet Suite 110)	ACH	\$ (79.80)	
QB Online (monthly subscription)	ACH	\$ (36.00)	
Longbranch (Meeting for tonight)	TBD	\$ (125.00)	
St. Joseph's Day Parade (expecting invoice tonight)	TBD	\$ (15.00)	
Bruce Bernier (3 maps \$24, sticks for AC reps \$52.15)	TBD	\$ (76.15)	
CNJ Investments (March 2017 rent for Suite 110)	TBD	\$ (275.00)	
Outstanding check dating back prior period to be voided		\$ 100.00	<i>Forecast \$\$\$</i>
Bank reorder of LCRCC checks (held off for Budget)	TBD	TBD	<b>\$8,605.22</b>

If you would like to sponsor a meeting or be a sustaining contributor or want to give ...

# Proposed 2017-18 Budget

## Linn County Republican Central Committee (LCRCC)

Prepared by Robin Tucker, LCRCC Treasurer

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Membership & Meeting Setup:		
Revenue via Pass the Hat	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,750.00
Expense for meeting rooms (Longbranch \$125/room)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,750.00
Caucus Team		
Revenue: Lincoln/Precinct Bags, Straw Polls, Caucus Tables in the past		TBD
Expense		TBD
Convention Team		
Revenue: Registration Fees, Convention Tables, Tabloids (non-corporate)		TBD
Expense based on past conventions		\$ 5,000.00
Fundraising Team		
Revenue	Revenue at 1.5 times expenses	
Expense	Proposed target for fundraisers (example: \$12 cost; then \$18 ticket)	
Community Events Team		
Revenue	TBD	TBD
Expense: Linn County Fair	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Candidate Support	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Other Community Events	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00
Parades Team		
Revenue - donations were received in 2016	TBD	TBD
Expense	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Executive Committee		
Revenue: Sustaining & General Donations	TBD	TBD
District State Fees (estimated)		\$ 6,500.00
Expenses:		
Office Rent	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 4,500.00
Signage	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Insurance	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Telephone & Internet	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
PO Box	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Hospitality	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
RPI Delegation Fees (estimated)		\$ 6,500.00

Marketing & PR Team			
Revenue		TBD	TBD
Expenses: Newsletter Mailing	\$	400.00	\$ 400.00
Website & Constant Contact	\$	180.00	\$ 180.00
Advertising & Promotion	\$	100.00	\$ 100.00
Treasurer's Support Team Expense			
Accounting & Compliance Software	\$	480.00	\$ 480.00
Records & Candidate Support Team Expense			
Office Supplies & Equipment	\$	350.00	\$ 350.00
Office Printing	\$	100.00	\$ 100.00
Voter Registration Data	\$	400.00	\$ 400.00
Precinct Printing & Mailing	\$	2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Other Elections Costs			\$ 2,000.00
Candidate Recruitment			
Volunteer Food & Incentives (earmarked)			\$ 450.00
Victory Office Costs			

Submitted as per LCRCC Bylaws