

Linn County Republican Central Committee Meeting - March 21, 2017, Meeting Minutes

Longbranch Hotel, Cedar Rapids

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

Invocation was given by Bruce Lindholm (CR24)

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brad Reiners.

Robert's Rules Minute – Laura Kamienski, co-chair, presented information on the process of calling for a vote on the previous question.

Contribution bucket for meeting expenses was circulated.

Proposed agenda was approved by voice vote.

February 21 meeting minutes were distributed at each table and on-line. Motion to approve the minutes by Kevin Thumma (CR 09) was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report

Robin Tucker presented the Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve the report and current expenditures carried.

Credentials report showed 48 voting members, 9 associate members, and 7 guests present.

Executive Committee Report

Laura Kamienski, co-chair, presented the Executive Committee Report. A Lincoln Dinner is being planned for May or June with Secretary of State Paul Pate as speaker.

The executive committee has looked at potential office space on the third floor of the Executive Plaza Building, 4403 First Avenue SE. Rent would be about \$300 per month. The amount of space is similar to the current office, but has an office area separate from meeting room space. Advantages of the new space include the building being open longer hours, the potential for signage on First Avenue, and a location more central to Linn County. Motion to execute a one-year lease effective April 1 not to exceed \$300 per month if this space is available. Randy Lucore (HIA09) moved to amend the motion to pay for an additional month on the current lease to allow more flexibility in moving from one office to the other. The motion was seconded but failed. Gary Ellis (CR 24) moved to amend the motion to establish a team and a budget to accomplish the move. The amendment was withdrawn after discussion. Craig Seeley (CR 20) moved to table the main motion; this died for lack of a second. Previous question was called and passed on the original motion, which then passed.

Team Reports

Advisory Committee

Gary Ellis (CR 24), chair of the Advisory Committee, provided the Advisory Committee report. The report listed the standing committees defined by the bylaws, and the teams that have been appointed

or continued by the current Executive Committee. It also listed recommended teams and individual coordinator positions for the current term. Not all organizational functions have been assigned to a defined team, and additional groups may be established, particularly in election years. . (The full report is attached to these minutes and was distributed at the meeting.) The Advisory Committee also recommended maintaining the previously adopted Mission Statement. Motion to adopt the organization plan in the report was carried. Motion to approve the mission statement also carried.

Parades

Steve West reported on parade activities. Approximately 10,000 to 15,000 people attended the St. Patrick's Day Parade, and the Linn County Republican unit distributed \$187 worth of candy. Several people donated money toward purchasing the candy.

James Sampers built seven metal flag trees for the parade van, and Ariel Jimenez purchased Czech and Slovak flags to be used in addition to the others we already own.

The St. Joseph's Day Parade was poorly attended.

The next parade event is Houby Days on May 20. James Sampers has ordered a PA system and speakers for \$144.99 and a striplight kit for \$19.99 for the parade van. Motion to approve purchase of these was carried.

Membership

Todd Morgan reported the following membership changes. Leslie Marriott (MR09) was removed for changing voter registration to no party. Jacob Kline (incorrectly stated at the meeting as Jacob Ketelsen) (TPUT) was removed for changing registration to the Libertarian party.

The following proposed changes were approved individually by vote: Adam Jensen moved from CR01 to CR43 and will be a new voting member from CR43. Kelly Love moved from CR13 and will be a voting member for MR04. George Olmstead will be changing from associate member to voting member for CR37. Jennifer Moyle (?) will be a new associate member from MR06. Pate Christensen will be an associate member from MR07. Nick Glenn will be a voting member from Grant Township (TGRA). Julie Blumer will be an associate member from Brown Township (TBRO). Justin Wasson moved from voting to associate member from CR23. Vicente Javier will be a new voting member for CR23. Del Lawrence is a new voting member from Marion Township (TMAR).

Mary Erzen (CR07) announced that the membership (now Credentials) team meets the first Monday of each month at Godfather's Pizza at 6:30 PM. The next meeting will be April 3. She also thanked and recognized the guests attending tonight's meeting.

Old Business - none

New Business

Craig Seeley invited the membership to read an informational handout he had distributed to the tables.

Emma Nemecek requested others to volunteer to help coordinate the LCRCC outreach at the Linn County Fair. She also suggested that the members participate in Latino-Fest to be held on Mays Island.

Announcements:

Robin Tucker asked any members who belong to the League of Women Voters or might be willing to join the League of Women Voters to contact him regarding ways we might expand Republican representation and participation in the LWV public forums in the community.

Randy Lucore announced the Caucus Team will meet Tuesday April 4, 7:00 PM at Godfather's.

Kevin Thumma announced that there will be a Convention of States meeting at the Kirkwood Annex in Hiawatha Thursday April 6 at 7:00 PM. The Iowa call for a convention of states has passed the Iowa House and is awaiting action in the Senate.

Robin Tucker announced that First Light Mission Fellowship, a racial reconciliation organization, will have a potluck open to the public April 1 at First Presbyterian Church in Marion.

Republican Women meet April 11 over the lunch hour at Elmcrest Country Club. Speaker will be Gary Hinzman.

Todd Morgan will be distributing updated lists of Republicans in each precinct to the House District Representatives on the Advisory Committee.

Richard Bice (MR10), LCRCC member, received the first ever Advocate of the Year Award from the Iowa Alzheimer's Association.

The pass-the-hat (bucket) total for meeting expenses was \$ 197.09. There were a \$35 contribution and a \$50 "Pop Club" contribution and a \$100 Lincoln Club contribution also received at the meeting.

Motion to adjourn carried at 9:02 P.M. Meeting adjourned to House District groups. Each district group had a sign-up sheet for people to express interest in serving on teams or committees listed in the Organization Plan. House District 95 reps elected Timothy Miller (MVS) to be their advisory committee member, replacing John Haible.

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

Minutes prepared by Don Nelson, Secretary

Attachments: Advisory Committee Report, Treasurer's Report