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Minutes
Latah County Republican Christmas Party / Central Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 10, 2013
Schierman's Event Center, 3225 Robinson Park Road, Moscow, ID

Christmas Potluck:

Meeting called to order at 7:10 P.M. by Interim Chairman Thomas Lawford.

Prayer was led by Max Ryan prior to beginning the potluck and Gresham Bouma led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Madeline McComas did a wonderful job of organizing our Annual Christmas Potluck and gave some general directions as to how to proceed with the food.

Introductions were made. There were 14 precinct chairs present.

Business Meeting 7:45pm:

Motion to “approve the October Central Committee Meeting minutes as emailed,” was made by Doug Witham, second by Kelly McManus. All approved – motion passed.

Motion to “approve Peggy Gottschalk’s current Treasures Report as handed out” was made by William Greene, second by David Klingenberg. All approved – motion passed.

Lincoln Day Update:

Mr. Lawford provided an update on Lincoln Day planning. The event is scheduled for Saturday, February 8, 2014, the day after the Nez Perce County's Lincoln Day Celebration (February 7, 2014). The University Inn Best Western Convention Center has been reserved for 200 seats. In the past, the event has brought approximately 150 guests, however more are anticipated because the Latah County GOP is hosting the State Convention this upcoming summer and all of the State wide and Idaho Federal candidates should be in attendance. Tickets will be available for purchase at eventbrite.com. This event needs many volunteers, especially for decorations and desserts. Sally Browning has already agreed to assist with decoration setup and take-down however more are needed. Dave McGraw has agreed to chair the desert auction again this year. He will set up a separate online signup system.

Bill Whitner has been contacted about being our guest M.C. Bill has not confirmed a commitment yet. All Local, Statewide and Federal candidates will be given the opportunity to speak but will be given a strict time limit to ensure brevity. It was generally agreed that we should charge each speaker \$50 / minute for each minute over their allotted amount

maximum 5 minutes.

2014 State Convention Update:

Mr. Lawford provided a list of 2014 State Convention Committee Members with and a brief biography/resume of each member. List attached to original minutes*. The committee plans to host events and activities for children, spouses, etc. throughout the convention. Senator Rand Paul has already accepted the invitation to be the featured guest speaker Friday June 14th. The goal is to have one keynote speaker each day of the convention to maximize interest and maintain news coverage interest. Several speakers already approached to also speak at the convention include: TX Sen. Ted Cruz, Sarah Palin, Lou Dobbs, Ben Stein and Wis. Gov. Scott Walker. The committee has also invited the national director of the National Federation of Republican Women to speak at the Saturday June 14th Idaho Federation of Republican Women's Breakfast.

This event will be the largest Republican Convention in Idaho history with approximately 640 delegates plus an equal number of alternates possible. In addition to delegates all of our State wide elected officials are up for reelection as our four Idaho Federal Congressional officials. Delegate and dignitary seats will be reserved on the floor of the Kibbie Dome. There will be a reserved section of bleachers reserved for alternates. Approximately 3,000 general admission seats will be available in the south side bleachers. For the banquet, 1,500 seats around tables are reserved on the floor with seating in the north bleachers for an additional 3,000 non-eating attendees interested in hearing Senator Rand Paul. Our intention is to get keynote speakers that will potentially attract the general public so that we can sell bleacher seats as an additional source of revenue/fundraising. The convention is expected to generate revenues in excess of \$500,000.00 to the Moscow economy. The Moscow Chamber of Commerce has moved Art Walk to the same weekend. It seems the city of Moscow, the Best Western Convention Center and The University of Idaho are all very supportive of this event and are helping in every way they can to make it a success.

Regarding fundraising, the convention committee is drafting template letters outlining incentives based on donation amounts, distilling donors into one of three categories: Platinum (greater than \$10,000), Gold (\$5000 - \$10,000) and Silver (\$500-\$5,000). The committee is still exploring options and outlining the incentive strategy.

The intent is for the Convention to create good will within the community as well as increase the Latah GOP political capitol. It was noted that The Democratic Party plans to host a convention the following week with an anticipated 112 delegates.

Executive Committee and Precinct Vacancies:

There are currently several vacancies on the Latah Executive Committee. Paul Agidius had expressed interest in the State Committeeman's position. Erin Agidius said she would be willing to serve as Secretary and Thomas Lawford said he would be willing to move from interim Chairman to Chairman. William Greene had stated an interest in completing the remaining seven months of the Vice-Chairman's position should Thomas be voted into the Chairman's role. Discussion followed and no other nominations were made. Max Ryan moved that "all of the previously mentioned people be formally elected to serve in the appropriate offices for remainder of the existing terms, ending after this year's primary." The motion was seconded by Roger Falen and several others. Motion passed unanimously, none abstained, no dissent.

Mr. Lawford announced that Tom Anderson has resigned from his role as Committeeman from Precinct 2 Chairman. Much discussion was made of the many years of faithful service and hard work that Tom has given to the party. He will be missed as an active member and we hope he will at least continue to attend our future community events. In his formal resignation letter Tom had suggested Mr. Gordon Henley be considered as his replacement for the precinct position. Dave McGraw moved to elect Mr. Henley as Precinct 2 Chairman. Doug Witham seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Susan Petersen announced that due to an influx of voters in Precinct 7 (near The Grove off of Palouse River Drive), there will likely be small precinct boundary changes. She will keep the party posted as these upcoming boundary changes may affect precinct committeemen. These changes may not be confirmed until shortly before this year's primary.

Dave Klingenberg made a motion that the January Central Committee meeting be moved to the third Tuesday, January 21, 2014 to give more time for Lincoln Day preparations. Gresham Bouma seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed.

There were multiple motions to adjourn and multiple seconds. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

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