

Latah County Republican Central Committee Meeting

May 28, 2013

Schierman's Event Center, 3225 Robinson Park Road, Moscow, ID

Meeting called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Chairman Walter Steed.

Ron Carr led in prayer and Roger Falen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions were made. There were 20 attendees including 9 precinct chairs. List will be attached to the original minutes.

Walter offered an amendment to the April 23 minutes to state that Walter and Mary Steed were not in attendance due to being out of the country rather than excused. Walter explained that our organization doesn't have an attendance requirement therefore an excused absence is unnecessary. Ron Carr made the motion to accept the minutes as amended, 2nd was by Dave Klingenberg. Motion passed.

Treasurer, Peggy Gottschalk, presented treasurer's report with a beginning cash balance of 1/1/13 of \$2,770.48 and an ending cashing balance of \$3,133.02. A major expenditure in April was for the Video Projector at \$775.98. Treasurer's report was approved on a voice vote.

Due to a communications problem our guest speakers were not available. In their place Thomas presented a video of the preliminary proposed layout of the Kibbie Dome for the GOP 2014 Convention. Also a preliminary budget for the convention was presented. Thomas explained that due to the large support for Romney across the state in the November 12 election that the number of delegates and alternates to the 2014 State GOP Convention would be increased dramatically. That means there is the potential to have almost 1200 delegates and alternates in attendance plus other interested persons. The immediate need is to begin working on Corporate Sponsorships and start identifying committees that will need chairing. Volunteers were solicited. Anyone interested in working on the 2014 State GOP Convention is asked to contact Thomas Lawford at: idahothomas@gmail.com or Walter at: wmsted@aol.com

Walter reminded everyone that the State GOP Summer Meeting would be held in McCall, Idaho at the McCall-Donnelly High School on June 14 & 15. Copies of the agenda as well as how to submit rules or resolution proposals and to submit proxy votes were available. If anyone needs these forms please let us know by email and we can send them by email also.

Thomas announced that he had been in contact with Larry Pratt, CEO of Gun Owners of America and Mr. Pratt has two available dates left this summer and was willing to come to Idaho from Alexandria, Virginia to be our Summer BBQ speaker. He would only want a round trip ticket (approximately \$650- \$700) and his expenses while here. Members were asked if they were interested in holding a BBQ on either Saturday, July 27 or Saturday, August 3. General consensus was to hold a BBQ on Saturday, July 27 at Mountain View Park. There was some discussion regarding how to pay for the cost of the airline ticket and also to arrange for guest housing during his stay as well as transportation from Spokane to Moscow and back.

Gresham Bouma made the motion to hold the BBQ on July 27 as a first choice if Larry Pratt was still available for that date and to hold it on August 3 as a 2nd choice if that was the only date Larry Pratt was available. 2nd was by Dave Klingenberg. Motion passed. Mary Steed, secretary was also directed to send out solicitations regarding the cost of this event as well as working with surrounding counties to invite them to attend. Dave Klingenberg and Gresham Bouma both offered to donate \$50 to help cover the cost of guest speaker, Larry Pratt.

New Business:

Walter said Latah County GOP had received a solicitation to participate in the Troy Old Timer's Day Parade, which will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2013 with a theme of "Working Together"

Other Community events were mentioned with the Genesee Community Days and Parade occurring next on Saturday, June 8.

The question was asked whether or not Latah GOP wanted a presence at the Summer Parades since this was not an election year. Dave Klingenberg indicated he was interested in attending and participating. Additional information will be sent out as soon as it is gathered.

Thomas Lawford mentioned that he appreciated Don Meyer's recent letter to the editor and that he would like to see Latah County GOP business discussed at the meetings and not in the newspapers.

Next Central Committee Meeting will be at 7:00 PM Tuesday, June 25, at Schierman's Event Center.

Summer BBQ will be Saturday, July 27 from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Mountain View Park.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Mary Steed, Secretary