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**Minutes**  
**Latah County Republican Central Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 25, 2014**  
**Schierman's Event Center, 3225 Robinson Park Road, Moscow, ID**

The Latah County Republican Central Committee meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Thomas Lawford.

Roger Falon led the Pledge of Allegiance and Del Rust led the prayer.

Introductions were made. There were 19 precinct chairs present. A quorum of Latah county precinct chairs was present. With Benewah Precinct Chairs and proxy votes at Legislative District 5 Quorum was present.

There were no corrections to the January 21<sup>st</sup> Central Committee minutes. Roger Falon moved to approve the previous meeting minutes as emailed. Max Ryan seconded. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

Several guests in attendance announced their intention to file candidacy:

- \* Shirley Greene announced her candidacy for County Commissioner, Seat 2
- \* Dick Walser announced his reelection bid for County Commissioner, Seat 1
- \* Caroline Nilsson Troy announced her candidacy for House Seat 5b
- \* John Carlson announced his candidacy for the District 5 Senate Seat

Also intending to file, but unable to attend are:

- \* Cincy Agidius intends to file her reelection bid for District 5 House Seat 5a
- \* Bill Goesling intends to file for County Commissioner, Seat 2
- \* Lois Reed intends to file her reelection bid for County Treasurer

**Legislative District 5 Report:**

Bylaws Committee Updates - presented by District Chairman Del Rust

Article 7 Section 2 of the Idaho State Rules requires each legislative district have rules and bylaws. Since the creation of the new legislative district combining all of Latah County and all of Benewah County, the district has not adopted by-laws. District 5 must approve bylaws to come into compliance with state rules. District 5 Chairman Del Rust emailed out the proposed by-laws to all committeemen in both counties in November of 2013. Under state rules the initial by-laws must be passed by 50% +1 of all elected precinct committeemen within the district. To date a district quorum has not been achieved to pass the by-laws.

Roger Falon moved the bylaws be approved as emailed in November. Dave Klingenberg seconded. Discussion followed. It was clarified that going forth the district bylaws can be

updated and amended under district by-laws and rules we are about to pass, not the state reorganization rules. District chairman Rust will resend the rules to the district committeemen. Motion carried with one dissent.

### **Candidate Filing Deadline:**

The filing times for all candidates for County, Legislative District, state wide office and precinct committeemen starts Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> and closes Friday March 14<sup>th</sup>. Declarations of candidacy forms were distributed for precinct committeemen.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Peggy Gottschalk. Expenses for the previous month were totaled \$3,102.01 and include rent for Schierman's, 2014 Convention expenses as well as Lincoln day related expenses. February income was \$7,426.10. The Current balance is \$6,315.83. Gresham Bouma moved to approve the report. Dave Klingenberg seconded. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

### **Lincoln Day Review:**

Chairman Lawford noted the success of the event came about because of a team effort and a few special individuals that really stepped up. Sally Browning should be commended for making mini bouquets for every dinner table as well as a large bouquet in front of the podium. Treasurer Peggy Gottschalk carries a large burden with tracking all of the financial in and out flow. Vicky Walser helped organize the room and table decorations. Dave McGraw, once organized the desert auction. And vice-chairman Will Greene was an invaluable help keeping our Chairman on task.

Chairman Lawford said he received several constructive suggestions about Lincoln Day. First, always introduce political candidates with both their first and last name. Second, always include the office they are in or running for as part of their introduction. Many people know candidates only by their last name from their campaign signs. Third, all people speaking at larger events must use the microphone. Those speakers that think they speak loud enough to avoid the microphone are 1) usually not heard well, 2) not heard by the people in the back, and 3) specifically in our Lincoln Days case, not picked up on the video recording.

Mr. Walser said that there should be better lighting around the silent auction tables as it seemed dark and difficult to see the items. Mr. Lawford agreed and mentioned that the Best Western will be renovating their conference center starting in March, and lighting is an improvement they plan to make. The Best Western is hoping to have the updates completed prior to the State GOP Convention in June. There was discussion about our most successful dessert auction to date. Ms. Greene was concerned that some of the desserts in the dessert auction seemed to sell for a low price. It was suggested that desert auction be moved up in the program, so that it is not at the end. Carol Rust suggested the dessert auction could occur before the meal when people are hungry.

Chair Lawford noted that in the future more volunteers were needed at the front door to manage nametag distribution, payments, and we should dedicate two people to confirm contact information of all attendees. This was the third event the party has used "The Square" (a smart phone credit card terminal) to collect credit card payments on location. This form of payment needs to be promoted better as an option for auction items. Ms. Gottschalk noted that the party needs to find a way to streamline auction payments as that process creates a bottleneck. It was suggested for next year we create a "cashier's corner" that guests can go to as they win items. People could then pay throughout the night rather than everyone waiting to pay at the very end of the evening.

A comment was made that the buffet setup worked well. Four lines streamlined the process and there was plenty to eat. Chair Lawford indicated that the buffet was less expensive than individual plates although the Best Western as a venue in general is a little more expensive but they take care of everything (tables, setup, linens, etc.).

The party sent thank you notes with \$25 Applebee's honorariums to Pastor Charlie Couch who did the invocation and benediction, Jason Hurdlow who operated the sound board and the video projector, and David Erb who sang at the programs opening. We also sent \$100.00 to Tiger Auctions for the auctioneering services. Overall, those present seemed to think the event was a big success.

### **State Convention Update:**

State party chairman Barry Peterson and State GOP executive director Trevor Thorpe meet with the Local 2014 Convention Committee Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> morning at the Best Western. Chairman Peterson said he was very impressed with the caliber of State Convention Committee members. The focus right now is to raise money, and continue to confirm national speakers. The National Republican Committee (RNC) has agreed to underwrite the salary for an intern to work in the Idaho GOP headquarters for the next six months with an emphasis on helping organize the State Convention.

### **Calendar of Events:**

Benewah County will be hosting their Lincoln Day/Meet the Candidates forum at Assembly of God Church at 23rd and Washington in St. Maries, on April 12 from 8:30am – 12:00.

On March 29 in Boise, Lawrence Denney, candidate for Secretary of State, will host a political fundraising event and Willie and Cora Robertson of Duck Dynasty will be attending.

The next Central Committee meeting will be March 25. The guest speaker that evening is Jim Schmilick. Jim is an authority on federal lands. He will be discussing, and fielding questions on how a state can raise money from lands owned by the federal government. At this meeting we will also discuss spending some of the money raised so far and consider spending it to set the party up for long term success and long term needs (e.g., storage unity, file cabinets, shade tents, sound system, etc.).

Roger Falon moved to adjourn. Max Ryan seconded. There was no discussion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.

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