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Minutes
Latah County Republican Central Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 22, 2014
Schierman's Event Center, 3225 Robinson Park Road, Moscow, ID

Candidate BBQ:

Dr. John Carlson opened the evening with a prayer as a tasty BBQ meal was provided by our local candidates.

Mini Candidate School Part-I:

Shirley Greene shared a PowerPoint presentation comprised from information presented at the GoPAC Campaign School she attended at the Idaho State Republican convention. She pointed out critical guidelines for candidates as well as for precinct committeemen and candidate volunteers. The slide presentation is available on our web site www.LatahGOP.org under RESOURCES. Dr. John Carlson handed out copies of the Idaho GOP Precinct Leader Training Manual 2014 and highlighted several sections of it. The manual will soon be available on our web site www.LatahGOP.org under RESOURCES.

Call to Order:

Vice Chairman Will Greene called the business portion of the Central Committee meeting to order at 7:50pm.

Pledge:

County commissioner candidate Shirley Greene led the group in the pledge.

Introductions:

Introductions were made with 21 people in attendance, including 11 precinct committeemen.

Minutes:

Minutes from the June meeting were discussed and Doug Witham made the motion to approve them. Gresham Bouma seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Peggy Gottschalk presented the treasurer's report, including a list of current assets, and Barry Tenney moved to approve it. Gresham Bouma seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Committee Needs:

We are in need of a small low-cost storage space for items the Central Committee owns. If anyone has a suggestion, please contact Chairman Thomas Lawford.

Convention Finances:

Convention Finances, which are currently separate from the Central Committee Finances, are still in flux until all expenses have been paid and all income has been received.

Ed Schweitzer generously donated the full cost of Mike Huckabee's travel expenses for the convention. Shirley Greene thanked him with a card and in person.

Upcoming Events:

Many upcoming events. Dave McGraw would love to see all of us and as many people as we can bring at his BBQ this Saturday in the Troy City Park from 3-6pm. Dick Walser is donating Black Angus ribs and all the candidates will be there. Come out and support them if you can.

Sat. Jul 26th 3:00 – 6:00pm - BBQ at Troy City Park, hosted by our incumbent County commissioners.

Tue Aug 26th at Schierman's Event Center

- 6:30 Latah County Potluck BBQ

- 7:00 Campaign School & Central Committee

- 7:30 Comedian Eric Golub

Thu.-Sun. Sept 11,12, 13 & 14th - Latah county Fair

Sun. Sep 14th - Open GOP Headquarters (Location TBA)

Sat. Sep 20th - Fall Latah County BBQ (Location TBA)

Sat. Sep 27th - UI Ag Day/ Dad's Weekend

Tue. Oct 7th - First day for early voting

Tue. Oct 28th - 7:00 Central Committee Meeting

Sat. Oct 18th 9:00 -UI Home Coming Parade

Tue. Nov 4th - Election Day

GOP Headquarters:

Possible locations for this year's headquarters include Ted Cowan's building (the location on Jackson that we've used for a few years), the open building across from the Democrat's location on Main St., and possibly the old Chevron Station at 3rd/Jackson. Dave McGraw will inquire with the owner of the old Chevron Station before the next meeting.

Latah GOP Summer BBQ:

This year's BBQ is scheduled for September 20th. We need someone to chair that event. Anyone able and willing, please contact any member of the executive committee. We also need ideas for a speaker, and since the BBQ is scheduled for after the start of school, it would be good to get someone who would attract a lot of people, specifically the college students. Ben Stein was mentioned as a possibility. Please talk to our Chairman if you have any other ideas. Volunteers will be needed.

August Meeting Speaker:

Once again we will start with a 6:30 potluck and mini candidate school prior to our regular central committee meeting. We will conclude our business meeting with a guest speaker.

Convention DVDs Available:

There will be 4 DVDs from the 2014 Convention available on our website: www.latahGOP.org soon. These were the recordings by Pete Warwick of Mike Huckabee, Rand Paul, and the 2 days of lunch speakers, including US Senators Jim Risch and Mike Crapo. Dinner speeches will be \$15 each and the lunch DVD's \$10 each.

Fairbooth:

There was discussion of having cookies and coffee at the booth. Gresham Bouma made the motion to fund up to \$300 maximum for that purpose. The second was by Dave McGraw. Motion passed. Dave will set up the online schedule for booth volunteer sign-up and we will need people to volunteer. The Set-Up/Decorating Committee for the booth will be Shirley Greene, Caroline Troy, Lucille Carlson, and possibly Cindy Agidius. This committee will work on new questions for the trivia wheel and also check on the possibilities of giving away popcorn or sno-cones to draw people to the booth.

Homecoming:

We need to locate a shop area for putting the Vandal Ship together. Please notify Chairman Lawford if you know of any possibilities. Please also plan on attending the parade to carry signs or pass out candy. This year's homecoming theme is "Once Upon a Homecoming" (a take-off of the ABC hit show "Once Upon a Time").

New Business:

Our political opponents have been canvassing early this year and are working hard against the Republican party in general. We'll need precinct committeemen and volunteers to help canvass a little closer to election time. We need to get as many people to the polls as possible and remind people that October 10th is the last day to preregister to vote. However, there is also Election Day registration on November 4, 2010 (Idaho Code section 34-408). If you want an absentee ballot, your request must be received by the county clerk by 5:00pm on October 29. Caroline Troy will be working on getting each PC a list of their constituents and how they voted.

Adjournment:

Gresham Bouma moved to adjourn the meeting and Peggy Gottschalk seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by;
Wendy Bouma, Secretary