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Minutes
Latah County Republican Central Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 24, 2014
Schierman's Event Center, 3225 Robinson Park Road, Moscow, ID

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Chairman Thomas Lawford.

The Pledge of Allegiance:

Eric McGilp led the prayer and Steve Piper led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions:

There were 21 people present, including 10 precinct chairs.

Minutes:

Printed minutes from the May meeting were distributed and several typos were noted. Roger Fallon moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Second by Gresham Bouma. Motion passed. Note: previous meeting minutes are posted on the Latah County Party website: www.LatahGOP.org

Treasures Report:

There was no formal printed treasurer's report because the treasurer was absent (out of town). Chairman Lawford noted that that treasurer Peggy Gottshaulk did get the 90-day post-primary Latah County financial report submitted to the Idaho Secretary of State.

Convention:

Thomas Lawford invited discussion and feedback on the 2014 Convention. Nearly all of the feedback was positive. The consensus is that the Mike Huckabee Convention Kick-off event was the highlight of the weekend. The lunches were served in record time and the Sodexo food service people and the Kibbie Dome staff were great to work with. Many organizations in the community, such as Best Western and U of I, were very accommodating and Shirley Greene sent a letter to the editor thanking everyone. Shirley also mentioned the Saturday GoPAC campaign school was very worthwhile, and was filled with valuable information.

Chairman Lawford commented that despite what has been printed in the papers, there were two very good things came out of this convention: 1) notice has been served - Counties that do not follow the State Party rules for the delegate selection process will not have their delegates credentialed, and 2) an ad hoc committee has been formed to write a simplified procedure guide for each County Chair to follow when conducting a post-primary reorganization meeting and the subsequent election of convention delegates. This should go a long way toward preventing

confusion, rule breaking (be it intentional or accidental).

Shirley Greene presented Thomas with one of the beautiful baskets that Pam Holloway made for the convention as a thank you for his hard work and dedication. Thomas will also be sending out many thank you cards to people and organizations in the community. Greene also reported that half of the 120 extra Saturday lunches were delivered for Sojourners Alliance. The other half were delivered by Shirley and another volunteer to residence of one of the low-income trailer parks. She said those people were very grateful.

Shirley later suggested we buy space in the newspaper to thank the community and everyone that contributed in the success of this year's convention. Gresham Bouma made the motion to spend the money necessary to place the advertisement in the local paper(s). Roger Fallon seconded. Motion passed.

Convention Finances:

Bottom line - the total income was more than the total expenses. The Idaho State GOP is supposed to split the profits 50/50 with the Latah County Central Committee 15 days after all expenses are paid. All of the bills have been paid except some of the balance of the Kibbie Dome facility rental.

Focus on Local Candidates:

Getting local candidates elected needs to be our focus for the next few months.

There were several thoughts of how to send our collective summer and fall energies. Chairman Lawford, wants to advertise future meetings and have quality speakers at each meeting to attract new members and generate public interest. Madeline McComas commented that she has gotten good results with direct mailings in her precinct. Pam Holloway indicated there needs to be a pressing issue to get people involved. Will Greene indicated that Precinct Committeeman training to equip new (and old) PCs is needed for them to effectively understand and do their job. Steve Piper would like to see us educate people in the various layers of government, something most people know little about. Roger Fallon made the motion to have Campaign School educational meeting ½ hour before each regularly scheduled central committee meetings on July 22nd and August 26th. The plan is to use Jeff Harkin's Committeeman Materials from a few years ago combined with the GoPac information presented during the Convention. Dave McGraw seconded, and the motion passed. Shirley Greene and Dr. John Carlson volunteered to help organize the training because they both have extensive notes from the Convention Campaign School.

The idea was brought up to do potlucks during the Mini Campaign Schools. Candidates will supply some of the food and attendees can make a financial contribution and have the candidates split the donations among their campaigns.

Summer Calendar:

*The District-5 and District-6 candidates are hosting a "Get to know the Candidates Ice-cream Social" at the Kendrick City Park Saturday, June 25th at 6pm. Everyone is invited.

*There will be a Candidate Ice-cream social Monday June 30th at 6pm at the Genesee City Park on W. Walnut Avenue. Please come and support our County and District Candidates.

*The Legislative District-5 Potluck for all the candidates will be Friday, July 11th at 6:00pm at the Scenic Six City Park in Potlatch. Bring a chair for yourself and a dish to share. Most of our candidates will be there and we want to do some strategic planning as a Legislative District as to how to best get our County and Legislative candidates elected.

*Dave McGraw is hosting BBQ and Potluck on Saturday July 26th at 3pm in the Troy City Park

where all the candidates will be available for a Q & A. Commissioner McGraw is promising his famous Ribs and Bratwurst.

*Several small August events are in the works and details will be sent out as times and locations are solidified.

*The Latah County fair is September 11-14, 2014.

*The Latah County Fall BBQ will be Saturday, September 20th from 4:00-7:00pm at Mountain View Park in Moscow.

*The University of Idaho Homecoming Parade is Saturday, October 18th.

To help with these and any of our upcoming events please email LatahGOP@gmail.com.

Website Update:

Chairman Lawford informed us that the Executive Committee approved the website upgrade so that we could post video among other things. Pam Holloway suggested each candidate put their platform on our GOP website.

New Business:

We plan to rent a booth at the county fair again. The booth usually cost between \$250 and \$300. Gresham Bouma made the motion to pay for the booth, and the 2nd was by Kelly McManus. Motion passed.

Move to Adjourn:

Rodger Fallon moved to adjourn the meeting. Kelly McManus seconded – Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm.

Minutes submitted by Wendy Bouma, Secretary