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## Minutes Latah County Republican Central Committee Meeting Tuesday, October 28, 2014 Headquarters – 535 W. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Moscow, ID

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by Thomas Lawford, Chairman. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Barry Tenney and the Prayer was led by Shirley Greene. Introductions were made with 27 people present, including 14 precinct committeemen.

**Reports:** Will Greene moved to approve the September minutes and Paul Agidius seconded. Minutes were approved. Peggy Gottschalk, Treasurer, gave a financial report explaining that she had to get some funds back from legislative candidates since the \$2000 limit had been exceeded. Will Greene moved to approve the treasurer's report. John Freeland seconded, and the report was approved.

**Election Advertising:** John Freeland made the motion to donate \$500 to Shirley Greene's campaign to bring her up to the \$2000 maximum. Gordon Henley seconded and the motion passed. The "In Their Own Words" sheet put out by Wallbuilders was passed out and read.. Gresham Bouma moved to do a full-page color ad in the newspaper before the election. Kelly McManus seconded, and the motion passed. Thomas will call to reserve ad date, hopefully the Monday prior to the election, and will also email the ad out to members.

**Thank You and Get Well Cards:** Roger Falen is in the ER tonight. A card will be signed by all present and sent to him. Also Thank You cards will be sent to the State GOP office to thank them for covering the Field Office rent and the internet expense. They will be mailed to Executive director Dave Johnston, and State Party Chairman Steve Yates. Thomas summarized Mr. Yates' message of unity after the primary. The Zimmer family will also be sent a card and Thanksgiving bouquet for letting us rent their building from the end of the Lath County Fair until the completion of the November election.

**Parade News:** A big "Thank You" was given to all who helped put the float together, including Lathen Sonnenberg, Fred and Alita Sonnenberg, Will Greene, John Freeland, Gordon Henley, Alex Navarro, Dave McGraw, and of course, Thomas Lawford. pictures of the parade are available on Facebook.

**Candidate Speeches:** Dick Walser, Shirley Greene, John Carlson, Caroline Troy, and Cindy Agidius were given an opportunity to speak to the group. Each of the candidates had encouragements, as well as thanks to share.

**Election- Related Business:** The idea to reward sign wavers was discussed. Gresham Bouma moved to fund up to \$200 for prizes for sign wavers and fund an election evening party. Will Greene seconded, and the motion passed.

On Saturday, November 8th, we will break down and clean up the headquarters. Volunteers need to be available at 11:00am. Those volunteering included Don Ball, Gresham Bouma, Alex Navarro, Will Greene, Kelly McManus, Gordon Henley, and Jim Hartley.

**New Business:** The newspaper had erroneously reported that Bill Thompson contributed to Shirley Greene's opponent. This was poor journalism and not factual. Bill Thompson called to clear that up.

Thomas reported that there had been a sign issue skirmish with the Democrats at the Homecoming Tailgating Party. That also had been cleared up. It was also reported that the Moscow High School had invited *only Democrat* candidates to come in the day before the mock election to teach about how elections work. It was a big mess, and the League of Women Voters may not be invited back as a result.

Tom Trail, who acted as Advisor to the candidates, mentioned that he was proud of them for always taking the high ground.

An email will be sent out with a planning list for this week. John Freeland moved to pay for the pizza cost for this Friday night's movie. Gresham Bouma seconded and the motion passed.

**Storage Space:** Thomas reported that Moscow Mini Storage charges \$60/month for a space large enough for all the GOP supplies. Thomas knew of a better deal but that space might not be available for another year. Will Greene moved to approve the \$360 payment for 6 months of space rental in advance. Gresham Bouma seconded, and the motion passed. The Central Committee supplies will be moved to the storage unit when we close our North Idaho Field Office.

**Upcoming Meetings:** There will be no meeting in November. The Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday Dec. 9th at Schierman's. New ideas welcome. Possibly thank you notes to overseas military? Paul Agidius will contact Don Meyer for names and addresses for those recipients.

**Adjournment:** Peggy Gottschalk made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Barry Tenney seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Minutes submitted by Wendy Bouma Secretary, Latah County Republicans LatahGOP@gmail.com