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Minutes
Latah County Republican Central Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 24, 2015
Schierman's Event Center, 3225 Robinson Park Road, Moscow, ID

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by County Chairman Thomas Lawford. Barry Tenney led the prayer and Gresham Bouma led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 11 precinct committeemen present.

Minutes:

Max Ryan made the motion to approve the January 27, 2015 minutes as presented and Gresham Bouma seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

County Treasurer Peggy Gottschalk gave a brief financial update. Peggy stated that as of January 27, 2015 the balance in the bank account was \$6,885.70. Peggy also reported that the Latah County Central Committee had received a check for \$1,229.54 from the State GOP as part of our agreement for use of the Headquarters in 2014. Chairman Thomas Lawford made a comment that this is the best financial position the LCCC has been in at this time of the year.

Chairman's Report:

Mr. Lawford brought to the attention of the group a January State Central Committee meeting in Boise discussed ways for Idaho County Central Committees to deal with the issue of inactive chairs, officers and precinct committeemen. The group is looking for input and possible proposals to help strengthen our party. Chairman Thomas Lawford expressed his concern that proposals must not be adopted that would tend to create abuses through manipulation of peoples time or attendance requirements.

Chairman Lawford mentioned that the LCRCC had received a notice from the Fair Grounds for requesting a booth reservation for the 2015 County Fair. Chairman Lawford said that we have been occupying the No. 1 spot, which is the only 16 foot booth at the fair. The cost of the spot is \$290.00 and will require the LCCC to provide proof of liability insurance in an amount of \$500,000. A brief discussion on liability insurance ensued and who we currently had our policy through. Gresham Bouma made a motion to pay the \$290.00 fee in full as required to secure our spot. Barry Tenney seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

A brief discussion on the Dan Schmidt/Patriot PAC was discussed and comments were made that this would be an issue in future elections.

Lincoln Days 2015:

Chairman Lawford commented that we have two very important preparation priorities to make the Lincoln Days a success. Priority No. 1 is to get full attendance. This will require the efforts of all committeemen to get the word out and encourage people in the community to attend. Priority No. 2 is to continue to prepare and deliver Auction items to make the evening a successful fundraiser. It is important for the event to be a success because it is our first fundraiser leading up to the 2016 elections. This traditionally is our biggest Central Committee fundraiser each year.

A discussion on auction items ensued. The plan is have larger items put in to a live auction and smaller items remain in silent auction. Barry Tenney expressed concern that at past auctions some service related. As well as unique auction items were not getting appropriate bids and were going for far less than market value. A discussion ensued about setting a minimum bid price or reserve price for auction items to ensure that this does not happen. Vice-Chairman Will Greene suggested we have minimum prices and descriptions of items being auctioned sent to Chairman Thomas Lawford as soon as possible preferably at least a before the day of the auction. It still would be feasible to drop off items at the Best Western as late as 4pm on March 7, 2015.

Madeline McComas suggested we continue to solicit businesses for auction items and donations. Madeline will need some volunteers on March 7, 2015 to come at 3pm to help set up for the auction. John Freeland and Alexander Navarro volunteered to help. Chairman Thomas Lawford informed those present that the new State Party Chairman, Steve Yates offered to meet with our central committee members at 1pm on the day of the event to talk and answer questions.

A brief discussion of the planned agenda for the speakers on Lincoln Day was discussed to include who would be introduced by whom during the event and how much time would be allotted to each speaker to talk about their area of expertise.

New Business:

Chairman Lawford called for any new business not covered on the agenda. The group discussed the "Cottage Food Bill" House Bill No. 187 which was introduced on the Idaho House floor by our Representative Caroline Troy. A copy of the bill is provided at this link: <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2015/H0187.pdf> A discussion ensued on the merits of the bill and its negative potential impact on home businesses or anyone who sells to the Farmer's Markets in Idaho like the one in Moscow.

Barry Tenney discussed proposed changes to the State Gas Tax and Sales Tax on Food. A discussion ensued with input from John Freeland on the merits and reasons for a proposed hike in the gas tax.

Adjournment:

Gresham Bouma moved to adjourn the meeting. John Freeland seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Minutes submitted by Alexander Navarro,
Precinct No. 6 Committeemen