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

**Tuesday, January 27, 2015**  
**Schierman's Event Center, 3225 Robinson Park Road, Moscow, ID**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by County Chairman Thomas Lawford. John Carlson led the prayer and Roger Falen led the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made with 20 people present, including 10 Precinct Committeemen.

**Minutes:** Gordon Henley made the motion to approve the October minutes and Gresham Bouma seconded. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurers Report:** County Treasurer Peggy Gottschalk gave a brief financial update. Chairman Lawford commented on the lessons learned in donating to the candidates and how to do it next time. We will need to increase our bank balance in 2015 so we will have appropriate funding to support the 2016 candidates. Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

**2014 Review:**

What a year! Here are some of the highlights and accomplishments:

- \*We had a successful Lincoln Day event
- \*We worked on the Primary and had a County Reorganization meeting
- \*We hosted the State Convention
- \*We had a District 5 Picnic in Potlatch and the Fall BBQ (mechanical bull included)
- \*We had a booth at the Latah County Fair
- \*We were an Idaho Field Office for the election, ran the phone bank and hosted an Open House
- \*We had Free Friday Flicks
- \*We put together and entered the Flag Ship Float in the Homecoming Parade, and found sufficient storage solutions
- \*We worked for the General Election
- \*We had the Annual Christmas Party and sent letters to soldiers overseas.

It was announced that Cindy Agidius was hired to be the new Communication Director for the Idaho House Republican Caucus. It was also announced that Dan Schmidt and the Democrats have been caught cheating through the Patriot PAC. (Dapper Dan-gate) Some people reported being confronted by Democrats before the election with, "If you vote, I'll buy you lunch." Idaho citizens deserve better. Get the word out.

**Lincoln Day 2015:** Lincoln Day is scheduled for March 7th. This year's keynote speaker will be Todd Meyers. He is the Director of the Washington Policy Center and his expertise is on energy consumption,

usage, and exploration. He is a dynamic speaker and you won't want to miss it. Our cost for getting him will be the flight from Seattle and his motel. Roger Falen moved to pay for his travel / room and Gresham Bouma seconded. The motion passed. Pam Holloway will put together a basket to present to him also. John / Rand was proposed for the live entertainment. Gordon Henley moved to pay the \$400 for live entertainment and Roger Falen seconded. The motion passed. Raul Labrador and Mike Crapo have so far confirmed their attendance and will be given an opportunity to speak. Tanner Beyner volunteered to head up the auction committee, and may actually do the auctioneering. We will need auction items. Gresham and Wendy Bouma volunteered to help Peggy at the door to confirm emails, and check people in. Sally Browning volunteered to head up decorations for the night.

**Guest Speaker:** Johnathan McGuire, the guest speaker for the evening, shared with the group how his company, WOVAX, provides app services to businesses in the area and explained what his company could do for Latah Republicans. It was very interesting and something the group can consider.

**2015 Vision:** Thomas shared what is in view for 2015, which includes most of what was accomplished last year, but also a Latah/Nez Perce County Fundraiser in July (already in the works, to be held at Mader's Farm near Genesee), occasional Friday Night Flics and some great guest speakers.

**New Business:** Roger Falen moved to appoint Tanner Beyner as Precinct Committeeman for precinct 1, currently empty, and Gresham Bouma seconded. The motion passed. Dennis Ownbey expressed his need to resign as Precinct Committeeman Representative because he didn't have the time it deserved anymore. Gordon Henley has the time and the desire to replace Dennis. Peggy Gottschalk moved to appoint Gordon Henley as the new PC Representative and Doug Witham seconded. The motion passed.

Miscellaneous: It was brought to attention how hard Thomas (and his wife Jane) have worked in the last year and should be officially thanked. Madeline McComas moved to get them a gift card for dinner out and Gresham Bouma seconded. The motion passed. Madeline and Peggy will work on that together.

Sorrow was expressed to Tom Trail for the recent loss of his brother, Dave. Tom thanked everyone for their cards and words of encouragement and shared what it meant to him and to his family that the community pulled together as it did.

Representative Caroline Troy would like to hold a few Town Hall Meetings in Latah/Benewah Counties next month. The final times and locations are to be announced.

An encouragement was proposed for ladies to join the League of Women Voters, which is supposed to be non-partisan.

Madeline McComas reported on some of the resolutions passed at the State Convention in January. There were questions asked and some discussion.

Adjournment: Erin Agidius moved to adjourn the meeting and Peggy Gottschalk seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Minutes submitted by Wendy Bouma,  
Secretary, Latah County Republicans