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Minutes
Latah County Republican Central Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 26, 2015
Schierman's Event Center, 3225 Robinson Park Road, Moscow, ID

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas Lawford at 7:12pm. Gresham Bouma led in prayer and Gordon Henley led us in the Pledge of allegiance. There were 32 people present, including 14 Precinct Committeemen.

Minutes:

Gresham Bouma moved to approve the March Minutes as amended. John Freeland seconded. The minutes were approved. As always this and other past minutes will be posted on our web page.

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer Peggy Gottschalk was not present but sent an updated checking account balance.

First Responder Update:

Chairman Lawford gave a sub-committee update on the Summer BBQ/Concert: The Summer BBQ now includes the involvement of 4 counties. The theme is "First Responder Appreciation." All First Responders and their families have been invited and can attend and eat free. This includes all Sheriff, Police, Fire, EMT and Ambulance Departments. It will be located at The Barn at Mader Farm just south west of Genesee (13506 Hillside Road). A map and directions are posted on the Latah GOP website. For all of us non First Responders the cost is \$10/individual and \$25/family (no matter how many kids you have). BUT YOU MUST PRE REGISTER AND GET YOUR TICKETS ONLINE. Everyone must visit www.LatahGOP.org follow the BBQ link and click "Participate as an individual."

Social Media Update:

Please also notice the 2016 Presidential Candidates Update link on our website. With the Presidential field changing every week we now have a link to <http://2016.republican-candidates.org>. This seems to be the best way to keep up with the field and find the links to your current favorite presidential hopeful. As of today there are 16 candidates that have officially declared and another dozen that are seriously exploring.

Thank you John Freeland for managing our website and facebook page. We have a new updated facebook presence at: <https://www.facebook.com/latahcountyrepublicans>. John says this should be easier for people to "Like" our page.

Guest Speakers:

Phil Hinrichs of Hinrichs Trading Co. spoke to the group and it was very educational and informative, as well as entertaining. Phil is a 5-generation family farmer who understands the importance of preserving capitalism. Their company specializes in the production and sales of chickpeas (garbanzo beans). He covered everything from the value of this cash crop to how it ideally fits the Palouse growing climate. It is a growing in market share for its health value and that it is gluten free crop. He also pointed out that 90% of all dried split peas and lentils are consumed overseas, whereas 90% of all garbanzo beans are consumed domestically.

Representative Caroline Nilsson-Troy presented facts about 16% of all Idaho agriculture and forest products are shipped using the snake and Columbia lock system. And they no one should listen to the idea that breaching dams is all about saving fish runs. It effects far more than fish. Breaching would be detrimental to our agriculture, forestry and energy cost. It would shift an immense burden upon our already decrepit road way system. She also ran down an impressive list of where Idaho ranks in a state by state comparison of production of: potatoes, wheat, dairy, beef, sugar beats, lumber and barley and hops. All top 10 many #1, #2 or #3. She concluded by stating how critical it is to protect the farmers, in Latah County.

A question and Answer period followed.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Wendy Bouma,
Secretary, Latah County Republicans