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Minutes
Latah County Republican Central Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 23, 2016
Schierman's Event Center, 3225 Robinson Park Road, Moscow, ID

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Chairman Thomas Lawford. Will Greene led the prayer and Dan Foreman led The Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made, with 11 Precinct Committeemen present.

Reports:

The minutes from the last meeting were approved without correction. And are now available online. Treasurer, Peggy Gottschalk, gave the Annual Treasurer's Report and Gresham Bouma moved to accept the report as written. John Freeland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Lincoln Day: The theme this year is "Technology - Working for us". Ed Schweitzer and Steve Yates have agreed to be the guest speakers. Representative Raul Labrador was scheduled to be a guest speaker but US House business that will have him out of the country at that weekend. Tickets are \$50.00 per person and are on sale now on our home page www.LatahGOP.org. Music at the event will be provided by Eric Engerbretson and the food will be catered by Basillio's. Precinct Committeemen are encouraged to make a basket to be auctioned off. Everyone should try and team up with a local business that may donate goods, services or gift certificates. If you get gift certificates it is strongly encouraged that you create a display of tangible items around the theme of the certificate to increase interest and sales of the auction item. Desserts will be auctioned off periodically throughout the evening. We still need several more home made deserts donated to the desert auction. Please get your auction baskets to Thomas or at least email him a detailed inventory of your auction basket. Advertising will be on several local radio stations and John Freeland will do some work with our Facebook page. It was suggested people write letters to the editor as a free way to get the word out.

Guest Speaker:

Report from the State Board of Education Bill Goesling (Idaho SBOE State Secretary) gave a report on the actions taken by the Idaho Board of Education this past year. They allocated \$40 Million toward expenditures for teachers and support people like psychologists, sociologists, counselors, etc. They will be reinstating the Discretionary Spending Fund and increasing the Opportunity Scholarship by \$5 Million, with \$5 Million also allocated to help students come back. Schools will focus on literacy (reading/writing by 3rd grade) and technology. Bill then gave opportunity for questions and discussion.

Idaho Republican Presidential Primary:

The first ever Idaho Presidential Candidate Primary will be Tuesday, March 8th and the polling locations will be open from 8 am - 8 pm. For this election ALL Moscow voters will go to the Latah County Fairgrounds. The outlying county locations will remain the same as all general elections. Several elected officials are planning to be in Coeur d'Alene with presidential hopeful, Ted Cruz, sometime before the Idaho Republican Primary. Marco Rubio is scheduled to make a visit to Boise.

New Business:

All Candidates and Precinct Committeemen need to file for the Tuesday, May 17th Primary election by Friday, March 11th. District 5 Representative Caroline Nilsson-Troy and Commissioner Dave McGraw are running for reelection. John Freeland announced he is running for the District 5 State Senate seat. We are still looking for a candidate to run against Democrat Paulette Jordon.

Adjournment:

Barry Tenney moved to adjourn the meeting and John Freeland seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Wendy Bouma
Latah County Republicans, Secretary