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Minutes
Latah County Republican Central Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 24, 2017
Best Western University Inn, Moscow, ID

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Thomas Lawford, Chairman, at 6:30 pm in the Centennial Room at the Best Western. Don Ball led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dennis Ownbey led the prayer. Introductions were made including the 12 Precinct Committeemen present.

Reports

Don Ball moved to accept the October 2016 minutes and Gordon Henley seconded. The motion passed. There was no Treasurer's Report.

University of Idaho ACA forum

Ayo Popoola, a student from the University of Idaho, spoke on behalf of the A.C.A. sharing their desire to find panel members for their upcoming forum on the topic of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare). This group has had previous Campus Conversations on other social issues such as Refugees, Black Lives Matter, North Dakota Pipeline, etc. The group would like to find panel experts on both sides of the healthcare issue with differing opinions for the purpose of educating the audience. Cindy Agiddius will get contact information for Dr. Ron Rock of Post Falls and see if he is available and willing to participate. He has spoken at similar events recently and brings a great perspective to why socialized medicine is not the best option for Idaho. Everyone is welcome to attend this event on Tuesday, March 28th, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the U of Idaho Commons.

State Central Committee Reports

Pete Warwick, Gresham Bouma, Lathen Sonnenberg, Thomas Lawford, and Peggy Gottschalk attended the Idaho State Central Committee in Boise on January 7th in Boise. Each person present gave a short report on their experience. Some good common sense resolutions were passed and the Robert's Rules class was very good. Also, State Republican Party Chairman Steve Yates would like to reduce the State Party Platform from the current 16 pages, and see if we can condense it to a single page of key points we can agree upon which define a Republican.

Review of 2016 Activities

We had a lot of good activities and picked up many new people. Overall 2016 was a good year.

Lincoln Day, Friday March 3rd or 10th - Best Western

The location is finalized but many other things are still being determined. The planned guest speaker, Ron Nielson from Worldwide Earth Movers in Post Falls, is no longer able to attend but is searching for a good replacement. We will keep the dessert auction but steer away from the silent

auction and reduce the number of auction items to fewer but larger ones. Please give any auction item ideas to Thomas or Wendy via LatahGOP@gmail.com. Live music is still not certain but Pete Warwick is looking into a couple of ideas. The group decided to go with beef and vegetable sides. Sally Browning volunteered to be in charge of decorating. Advertising will be mostly done on facebook and emails. A list of possible underwriters for the Lincoln Day event was compiled.

New Business

We have worked out an agreement to have future Central Committee Meetings at EMSI (409 S Jackson Street, Moscow) in their first floor conference room. We will likely start meeting there after Lincoln Day.

Cindy Agidius is working on reestablishing the local chapter of the Federation of Republican Women. Please watch for further information at www.LatahGOP.org.

Cindy also had some good ideas for informing local residents about legislator's votes, etc. We will most likely send out a fundraising letter for the Latah GOP soon.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Feb. 13th at the Lawford's and the next regularly scheduled Central Committee meeting will be held on Feb 28th.

Adjournment

Doug Witham moved to adjourn the meeting and Roger Fallen seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Submitted by
Wendy Bouma
Latah Republicans, Secretary