

Latah County Republican Central Committee Meeting

April 23, 2013

Schierman's Event Center, 3225 Robinson Park Road, Moscow, ID

Meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Vice Chairman Thomas Lawford. Vice Chairman Lawford excused Chairman Steed and Secretary Mary Steed from the meeting and appointed Jared Larsen to take minutes.

Max Ryan led in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions were made. There were 23 attendees including 14 precinct chairs. List will be attached to the original minutes.

Moved by Roger Falen and seconded by Don Ball to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2013 meeting. Motion passed with a voice vote.

Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer, Peggy Gottschalk, with a beginning cash balance of 1/1/13 of \$2,770.48 and an ending cashing balance of \$3909. Income was \$200, the last outstanding pledge from the Lincoln Day Dinner. The only expense for March was \$48 for to rent Schierman's for the March meeting. The rent for Schierman's was higher for March because some members of the central committee did not leave the building before 9 P.M., which means the committee is charged for the full hour.

Moved by Max Ryan and seconded by Dave Klingenberg to adopt the treasurer's report. Motion passed with a voice vote.

Vice Chairman Lawford announced the recent passing of Dedra Morris, the administrative assistant for the Idaho GOP. She was 22 and passed away in an automobile accident. Vice Chairman Lawford read a tribute written by State Party Chairman Barry Petersen, and also shared how helpful she had been with the planning for the 2014 State Convention in Moscow. Vice Chairman Lawford also mentioned the possibility some token of appreciation on behalf of the Latah County GOP. No action was taken.

Concerning the 2014 Republican State Convention in Moscow, Vice Chairman Lawford informed the committee that the budget for that would be \$122,000. Approximately \$97,000 will be collected in registration fees. It is anticipated to be one of the largest state conventions in a long time because delegates are allocated by the number of Republican votes and because of Mitt Romney's ties to Southern Idaho, there was a large turnout. He also pointed out that historically 97% of delegates show up and 85% of alternates and we are budgeting to those historical averages.

Concerning the Summer BBQ, it was suggested holding it at Mt. View Park. Dave Klingenberg volunteered to contact the park for available dates. A suggested speaker was Larry Pratt from Gun Owners of America.

The By-Law Committee is asking for suggestions for the preamble of the bylaws. Anyone can participate in the open process of adding or taking away language for the new bylaws. Over the course of the next few months the bylaws will be revised.

Vice Chairman Lawford introduced April special speaker,

Representatives from the Moscow City Fire Department spoke about the services they provide the community and the savings they provide the community as a volunteer force, as compared to comparably sized cities. A question and answer period followed.

A bylaws subcommittee has also been formed and there was discussion about the purpose of the Latah County GOP.

New Business:

Dave Klingenberg expressed concern with Chairman Steed's recent vote on the Moscow City Council for an ordinance prohibiting discrimination in housing and employment on the basis of sexual orientation.

Dave Klingenberg moved and Ron Smith seconded a motion to censure Chairman Steed for his vote on the city council against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

With 14 precinct committeemen present, Vice Chairman Lawford abstained from voting in the event of tie he could cast the deciding vote as acting chairman, making the total number of precinct committeeman present to 13. The motion carried with 7 votes.

Meeting adjourned at about 8:30 PM.

Minutes are respectfully submitted by Jared Larsen.