

Meeting minutes of Benton County Republicans on March 13, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Present were Kevin Arnold, Lawrence Johnson, Jim Howe, Jon Theis, Clinton Wruck, Ron Baert, Jim Sutton, Peter Minor, and Joe Henke.

The minutes were read, and approved with minor spelling corrections.

Jim Howe presented the Treasurers report. Our total Balance is \$1089.41.

Ron B presented bills totaling \$67.58 related to convention expenses. Clinton W. made motion to approve payment in full of bill, and turn remaining unused supplies (21 forever stamps) over to current secretary. Jim S. seconded, motion passed.

Discussed options for fundraising.

Peter M. gave report on website.

Ideas suggested to recruit legislators to write articles, accept articles from the board, build an email list for use with future email newsletters, and other ideas to expand website usage.

Clinton W. reported on candidate search committee. Ron B. initiated discussion regarding use of executive board members to help search committee. Clinton W. appointed as chair of search committee, Ron B. and Peter M. also appointed as members of search committee.

Jim H. initiated discussion over public usage of City fire truck equipment in political pictures.

Jim H. mentioned local success over the day of resistance. Discussion ensued regarding possible shooting outings as venues to raise funds.

CD6 report read by Ron B. additional commentary provided by Peter M.

Ron B. gave report about state central. Emails regarding Keith Downey, Bill Paulson, and Bonn Clayton discussed. Cross seating at the convention discussed.

Ron B. talked to Carol Rugar about continuing service as representative to CD6. Motion to elect her made by Lawrence J., seconded by Clinton W. motion passed.

Benton County Fair booth will be shared with women's group. They have agreed to contribute \$75 towards booth cost. Total booth price is \$375.00 motion made by Peter M. to pay for booth as soon as possible, Ron B. seconded, motion passed.

Jon T. volunteered to co-chair Benton County Fair board.

Motion made to request presence of John Pederson at next board meeting to explain his recent actions.
Motion passed

Ron B. will be conducting video conference at library March 14, 2013 at 7:00 pm

Café Renaissance will be hosting a Central Minnesota Tea Party guest speaker on Tuesday March 19, 2013 at 7pm. Speaker will be president of the Taxpayers league of Minnesota, Phil Krinkie.

Radio talk show host Jason Lewis will be at the Riversedge Convention Center on March 30 at 7pm Event cost is \$5.

Ron B. read an article from "New American" magazine

Clinton W. initiated discussion regarding changing status of the BPOU to that of a 501(3)c. There was no consensus reached on benefit, or examples of other BPOU's operating under same tax guidelines.

Lawrence J. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jon T. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10