

The Aug. meeting of the Benton County BPOU was called to order at 7: P.M. at the Victory Office in Waite Park.

The Invocation by Ron Baert was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The July minutes were approved after correcting Tues. to Mon.

A preliminary Treas. report showed \$1277.24 balance. Motion to approve \$49.58 to Judy S. to pay for her Fair expenses.

Jim Sutton needs to submit his expenses. Once a total is reached, we will submit an invoice to

SD15 for up to \$350 to share expences.

Ron B. will contact candidates to see where the greatest needs are for donations and will

inform us at Sept. meeting.

Ron read e-mail from A J Kern on candidates for school board elections, and we will invite her to be

on a committee to seek out candidates.

Peter M. is on vacation in Yellowstone so we did not have a web-site report.

Jim Knobach showed up and gave a report on the Victory Office and the open house to be

held on the 30th of Aug. Bring your own food and drink.

Judy read the fair report which had been e-mailed to board. It was an overall success,

including a visit by Michele Bachmann on Sat.

Twice as many petitions were signed as last year. All area candidates spent time at the booth.

Many volunteers made this a success. Jim Knobach is storing the booth. Donations totaled \$44.16.

Lawrence Johnson gave a preliminary report on the "Octoberfest".

It will be held at the Westside Learning Center. Each board member is asked to bring 3 items for the silent auction.

Speaker is to be decided later. The Board approved to pay Jarod Schreifels \$65 to play again.

Tickets will be \$35 with candidates and spouse only charged \$10.

Or next meeting will be Sept. 6 at the Airport.

We approved to pay no more than \$200 towards the victory Office.

Ron B. gave a report on the Parades in the Area. The Parade on Aug. 19 has competition

with the Antique Auto show at the Fairgrounds.

Rosella Dambovy requested to share our booth in the future. She will man it every day of the Fair

as well as contribute \$75 for cost in exchange for advertising the Republican Women.

Motion approved to accept her proposal.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Present were Judy S., Ron Baert, Clinton W., Justin K (who informed us he will not seek

re-election next term, Jim H., Teresa B., Lawrence J.

Absent were Gary G., Jim S., and Peter M.