

The Jan. 14, 2013 Benton County BPOU Republicans meeting opened at 7:00 P.M. at the St. Cloud Airport.

Present were Jim Howe, Peter Minor, Clinton Wruck, Ron Baert, Lawrence Johnson, and Judy Sommers. Jim Howe gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Rachel Horn from Michele Bachmann's office was a guest. She gave a brief summary of what is happening in the 6th District, including Michele remaining on two committees. John Pearson, who is interested in running for the board, was also a guest.

The minutes for Dec. were approved after spelling corrections.

Ron Baert attended the Environmental Meeting held at Atwood, SCSU. He was able to get a clicker for commenting on items.

He said they blamed the Moose decline on Climate change.

The Treas.'s report showed \$1019.92 plus .04 interest. Two checks (\$26.65 and \$7) were issued. Our balance is \$986.31.

We received a check from Rosella Dombowy for \$35. The report was approved. We will hold off on a candidate search until after the convention.

Ron Baert gave a State Central meeting report. A resolution addressing the change of Rules (rules 12 and 16) at the Ntn'l Rep. Convention passed. This change had prevented Ron Paul from addressing the convention. The Judicial Retention legislation addressing elimination of voting for Judges was also discussed.

Steve Gottwalt has resigned as Representative for District 14A. Tamma Theis received the endorsement at a special convention for 14A.

Our County Convention will be at the S.R. City Hall on Feb. 16th at 9:00 A.M.. We will elect a chair, vice-chair, sec., Treas., and 5 at-large members. We will vote for one State Central Delegate and 3 Alternates. We will also address any other business necessary. Convention calls will go out around the First of Feb. Cost is \$5. We will serve coffee, rolls, juice and water (convention should be done around noon). Jim H will get doughnuts, Judy the beverages. Carol Rupar will provide 50 cup percolator. The Rules and Constitution will be on the web site. Discussion of possibly using post cards for the call will be looked at. Ron will get that together. Glenice Mehrwerth will be our Sec., Lawrence J. temp. chair, Ron B. - Parliamentarian, Judy S., Jim H and Clinton W. - registration and credentials, Judy S. Carol R. , and Teresa B.-Tellers, Rules - Clinton W., Ron will check on someone for the Invocation. Suggestions for Speakers were open. All the Reps. and Sen. will be invited and will be able to address the Convention, as well as past Reps. Dan Severson and King Banaian.

Our next meeting will be Feb. 7 at the Airport.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55.

Following the meeting, John Pearson told us about himself.