

Lake County Republican Central Committee

Wednesday, 4 September 2024

Polson Rural Fire Hall

Welcome, Invocation, and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call and Introduction of Guests, Visitors, and Newcomers.

Guests: David O'Chung. Vietnam veteran, helps veterans create medical reports so they get compensation for wounds in battle. Worked for the secretary of VA. Has a long history working in different offices with Veterans Affairs.

Precinct Captains Present.

- Ellen Wicklund, Dorothy Ashcraft, Susan Lake, Ron Tjaden , Ron McMlellan, Cynthia Waters

Chairman's Comments

- Thank you for everyone dealing with last meeting.
- Critical election in our history. We are working seven days a week to get things done.
- Need to win our local elections for real protection.
- Not looking for help from D.C.
- We need to write letters to the editor in support of our candidates.
- We are past strategy making, we are in operations now.
- We will have elections for office positions in the Central Committee in December.
- And again thank you to everyone working so hard to have this Central Committee being an great example for others to follow.

Adoption of Agenda

Cynthia: For new business to update precinct captains on the website.

Linda: Approval for purchase of Trump merchandise at HQ.

No objection.

Approval and/or Amendment of 7 August 2024 Minutes

- Ron T moved to accept.
- Second by Susan Lake.
- Minutes are accepted.

Treasurers Report (5 Mins)

- Need approval for Trump merchandise that has been purchased.
- Motion made to purchase trump merchandise present and in the future by Ron T.
- Seconded by Susan Lake.
- Ellen. What about the "Sons" (Wilson and Swanson) signs for judges? We are getting clobbered by the left's judge's candidates.

- Tracy. Tiger Team is taking care of the signs for the “Sons” (Wilson & Swanson) for state Supreme Court.

Committee Reports (5 Mins Each)

- **Finance Chairman**
- Good shape and thank you to everyone for helping put this dinner together.
- Will do auction differently, four items up for auction.
 - Rifle
 - Tactical private shooting lesson
 - Two helicopter rides.
 - A round of golf
 - And donated plaques.
 - A quilt
- Dessert dash looks pretty good. May need a few more volunteer desserts.
- Ron T. Need to go out to our friends not on our email lists and get them to buy tickets for the dinner.
- **Congressional Committeewoman and Committeeman**
 - Nothing to report.
- **State Committeewoman and Committeeman**
 - Dan Bongino, when you get your vote in early, they will stop sending you mailers.
 - That will save the candidates money to not send information to that house anymore.
- **Technology Committee**
- **Tiger Team**
 - Very operational.
 - Working on radio ads.
 - Billboard will be going up.
 - Working on getting folks out to vote.
 - A lot of criticism about Sheehy campaign does not answer attacks from Tester.
 - What we believe Sheehy is doing is inviting people to come out and meet him and let that be the answer to Tester.
 - Bill Barron. Ad in Valley Journal that Sheehy will close forty-six hospitals in rural Montana.
 - Doc. A lot of veterans a believing the ads about Sheehy and the veteran community is swinging away from Sheehy.
 - They want to make CI-128 a “freedom” issue. But that is not a freedom issue.
 - Linda. Another important point is it does not allow for any public comment.
 - Hired people from out of state to get signatures.
 - And it undermines our constitution.

Elected Officials Reports/Comments – Senate/House/Commissioners/Sheriff/Others (5 Mins each)

- Linda Reksten
 - Visited three churches. Handed out flyers for CI-128 to make the congregation aware of what is happening.

- Will go to Helena after L/r/t
- Will have last interim education meeting to set up legislation for the next session.
- Dan Salomon nominated her to be on some committee and will have to be in Denver during Halloween.
- Working with Greg Hertz on EDDM in September.
- The signs are important, if we have more up the more it tells the community that the republicans are in charge.
- Gale Decker
 - Balanced the budget today.
 - Battered around several numbers 3% cola for employees, 1% for elected officials.
 - Discussed with sheriff, maintenance, and planning department.
 - Cut \$400,000.
 - And approved the above COLA numbers.
 - Tomorrow, hope to send third bill of PI 280 costs to the department of justice.
 - Since May 21st have sent claims for about \$400,000 and have heard nothing from anyone in Helena.
 - Another lawsuit will be filed on the counties behave.
 - More ammunition to sue for an unfunded mandate.
 - The governor will not declare a proclamation that the county is out of PL280.
- Bill Barron.
 - Construction projects are on track to be completed on schedule.
 - Workout area done in December.
 - Annexation office will be done in January.
 - Had to shut down boat ramp project to put towards the annex building.
 - 1% raise for election officials was so the deputies would get something also.

Unfinished Business

New Business

- **PA System Sharing with Pachyderms/Republican Women**
 - Tracy Sharp's system is used but he will be gone soon.
 - Asking the LCRCC pay 1/3 along with Pachyderm/Women.
 - Price of the system was \$1,298.
 - Motion made to approve by Ron T.
 - Seconded by Dorothy Ashcraft.
 - No discussion.
 - Motion carried.
- **Upcoming Debate Question Preparation**
 - Held at the Montecahto on Finnley Point.
 - 26th September, 6 pm.
 - We NEED people there.
 - Working on the questions in Tiger Team.
 - Education.
 - Property tax.

- affordable housing.
 - Medicaid expansion.
 - CI initiatives.
- **Letter Writing Campaign**
 - Need to get letters out to counter what is being said.
 - Dorothy. We have set letters given out for us to edit and send in.
 - How do we communicate that a certain letter has been used and not be duplicated?
 - Will have to work on that.
- **Get Out the Vote!!!**
- **Precinct Captain Update.**
 - Tracy will need to get updated list to Tony Kramer.
 - And to get updated list “V” for updating the website.
 - Captains need to be involved in their precinct to know their neighbors and get them involved.
 - Precinct map and captain list will be sent with the meeting minutes.

Announcements

- **Lake County Republican Women**
 - Have to get a new slate of officers.
 - Dorothy has termed out as president.
 - Think about ladies to take over
 - September 9th at library, will speak at the meeting.
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- **Pachyderm Club**
 - September 13th, at Polson Volunteer Fire Department, B.O.D. meeting begins at 11 am.
 - Pachyderm meeting begins at noon, Linda Reksten will be our speaker.
 - Pachyderm will meet again September 27th and David Chung will be our speaker.
- **Public Announcements/Guest Comments**
 - Need to sell tickets for L/R/T!
 - The menu for dinner will be Mexican themed.
 - Mac and cheese
 - Salads.
 - Steak/chicken tacos.
 - Possibly do a social around Oktoberfest.
 - Do a movie viewing.
 - Ron. Motivational section. Democrats are stirred up like angry bees. If we can get turn out and get them beat in every race. Think of how demoralizing that will be. This may be the break their spirit moment.
 - There is no event at the shoe for now. Cannot get the big name guys to attend.

Adjournment