

**Dubuque County Central Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 12, 2023**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm.

Chair opened meeting with Pledge of Allegiance and singing of God Bless America.

The motion was made to approve the minutes, duly made, seconded and passed without dissent.

A moment of silence in memory of longtime CC member Dr. Jim White.

Chairman Report: John Darrah

Secretary Report: Jayne Uelner reminded everyone to sign in

Treasurer Report: Phil Crnkovich reported the ending balance as of 5/31/23 is \$9,674.01

Communicator Report: Paul Hemmer

Brochure has been drawn up to hand out at the fair. Copies are on the table.

Bill Board has been designed and will be located on the way to the fair.

Web site continues to get new visitors.

Guests Speakers:

Treasurer Michael Clasen reminded homeowners that are 65 years old or older to apply for the Homestead Property Tax Credit before July 1. If you have a suggestion for improvements in the treasurer's office, please feel free to share with him.

Candidate Representatives in attendance:

Cole Kramersmeier representing Tim Scott

Jason Rizk representing President Trump

Old Business:

Honor Flight Report

Roger Smith said he could not say enough good things. It was well organized, everyone was very kind and it was over whelming to have the applause and appreciation from everyone. Hundreds of people greeted them. The plane was sprayed with water from the fire engines as a salute to them.

Paul Kurt shared that it was a rewarding trip. Students were there with pictures they had drawn for the veterans. He had never received appreciation like this before. This recognition makes him proud to wear the uniform again.

Jennifer Smith went as a guardian with her father. She couldn't express the honor of this experience. Both of these stoic men admit the effect it has had on them. It was amazing to see retired soldiers together and sharing stories. This trip is absolutely free for the veterans. The guardian pays for air flight.

\*Organization: Tom Pfeiler (Fill precinct openings)

Tom had good response from Precinct 15. Mike & Maria Steinlage are interested to serve on Central Committee and will attend the next meeting where they will be introduced, nominated and voted on.

The next Precinct to fill is 18, the Dubuque Museum area. Paul Hemmer will be emailing a map and a list of Republicans that live in the precinct. If you can recommend someone that would like to serve on Central Committee, please forward their information to Tom.

**\*Event Planning & Logistics:**

Dubuque County Fair: Paul Kurt reminded us the fair is held July 25 through July 30 and although he has all the time slots filled with 2 people he is looking to add a third person for the busy time slots.

August 6 Picnic-John Darrah reviewed notes from Nick Molo and received verbal agreement from Central Committee regarding the following:

Darryl Beichler will be catering pork loin and ribs and side dishes.

Time of event from 3 to 7 with shooting range being open from 3 to 6.

Jennifer Smith will oversee the shooting range and will contact Kent Renier to assist.

The post cards will be mailed, emailed, posted on Facebook and website.

Pricing is \$50 per person, \$90 per couple or a table of 8 for \$350. Children 10 and under is \$10.

Advanced reservations are encouraged as the Shooting Society can only accommodate 200 people.

Quality auction items were encouraged in the \$100 to \$200 range. John also mentioned baked goods were always popular.

A 50/50 raffle and/or heads-tails games are fine.

Bonnie Stevenson volunteered to be a point person with kitchen concerns.

Randy & Jody Hefel volunteered to help set up.

JoAnne Gebauer volunteered to be a point person.

Cindy Mueller reported that the school board has a petition for signatures to put a general obligation bond on the ballot for a \$150 million. She will be gathering signatures.

**New Business:**

Approval of Brian Schatz as Precinct 32 Committee Member. The motion was made to approve Brian, seconded and passed.

**Comments from the gallery:**

Chelle Adkins from the State Central Committee reported that to be a national delegate you will have to fill out a form of candidacy. The state will not set the Caucus date until July 8. Democrats indicate they still plan on having a caucus and plan to have vote by mail option. Meetings are open to guests.

Jim Heavens complimented fellow republicans regarding the Caucus. He said that John Darrah's quotes from the TH were true and a strong contrast to the Dubuque Democratic county chair who admitted the confusion of their Caucus and the support is not there as it had been in the past. Jim summarized, "Republicans, you are doing a good job."

John Darrah shared that he is in regular contact with the Telegraph Herald.

**Upcoming Event:**

Vivek Ramaswamy will have a pancake breakfast on June 15 @ 9:30 at the Veteran's Freedom Center.

Adjournment: 7:45 pm

Attendance: 41

Minutes by: Jayne Uelner