

# Dubuque County Central Committee

## Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2023

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 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.

Chairman Report: John Darrah

Co-Chair Report: Nick Molo

Secretary Report: Jayne Uelner

Treasurer Report: Phil Crnkovich

John Darrah reported the ending balance as of 4/30/23 is \$9,908.08

Communicator Report: Paul Hemmer

Facebook has 863 friends and 138 regular followers.

DBQGOP.com has a 250% increase in visitors with 133 unique visitors.

Paul has written one published letter to the editor and assisted 3 other individuals.

Cost to have a billboard on the way to the fairgrounds during the fair would be \$850. The billboard message will have the views of the Dubuque County Central Committee. A motion was made to approve the cost for the billboard, duly made, seconded and passed without dissent.

Cost from printer for handouts to be distributed at the fair was estimated to be approximately \$640. A motion was made to approve cost for the handouts, duly made, seconded and passed without dissent.

Guests Speakers:

Supervisor Wayne Kenniker shared that the supervisors are considering the purchase of the old state transportation building. Restoring the structural integrity of the building will cost between \$200,000 and \$300,000. There is some contamination that is a concern on the site.

The police dispatch center needs more space and the old Medline building is being considered.

The court house gold dome is needing resurfacing. Last time a large portion of the cost was done with private donations.

Please go to Wayne's web site and give your opinion on these topics.

Treasurer Michael Clausen said things are going well in his office.

Cindy Mueller had just arrived from the Dubuque School Board meeting. The board approved putting a bond of \$150 million on the ballot. \$3.4 million a year will be saved by combining the junior high schools.

#### New Business:

- Committee Assignments

- \*Caucus Chair: Dr. Jennifer Smith

- Jennifer shared that the caucus will be held January 27 @ 7 pm. She will need volunteers for caucus leaders, registering and checking people in, preparing the packets etc. A motion was duly made to allow the caucus chair to determine the 6 locations to hold the caucus, seconded and passed without dissent.

- \*Organization: Tom Pfeiler (Fill precinct openings) and Chuck Spielman

- Paul Hemmer will send out list for the Holy Trinity precinct. There is a great need to fill these openings before the caucus.

- \*Budget & Finance Committee: CC Treasurer and Board

- \*Event Planning & Logistics: Paul Hemmer & Paul Kurt

- \* August 6 Picnic-Chair Nick Molo – this will be the major fund raiser for the DCRCC this year. The governor or lieutenant governor will be speaking; as well as, Jeff Kaufman. The goal is quality auction items. The capacity at the Shooting Society is 200 people, our goal is to have 150.

- \* Dubuque County Fair: Paul Kurt said the fair is held July 25 through July 30 and encouraged people to sign up to work the booth

Ashley Hinson, Joni Ernst and Chuck Grassley have been invited to attend our fair.

- \*Candidate Screening Committee: Kurt Kiessling (not present)

- \*Youth Outreach Committee: needs a chair Jennifer Smith said there are Loras freshmen that are looking to get involved.

- \*Rules Committee: Karl Stieglitz(not present)

#### New Business

Discussion regarding if a change of venue would increase attendance. Consensus was that current location was not an issue. Due to the \$20 a month summer rate increase at the Peosta Rec Center if we stay past 8 pm it was agreed to move our meetings to 6:30 pm.

#### Comments from the gallery:

Jayne Uelner shared her positive experience of courses offered by Americans for Prosperity. This organization helps to educate, train and mobilize concerned citizens to take action. The government goes to those who show up.

Bonnie Stephenson shared that she had a cousin killed today in Ukraine. He was a military contractor and was killed trying to save his friend. Our prayers to Bonnie and her family.

Upcoming Event:

Governor Ron DeSantis will be in Cedar Rapids on May 13.

President Trump will be in Des Moines on May 13.

Dr. Lee Merritt will be speaking on the JAB and remedy of the vaccine at the Peosta Rec Center Main floor on June 3.

The Patriots groups meeting on May 18 will have a speaker from Peoria talking on the war in Ukraine.

Nikki Haley will be in Dubuque May 18. It is a ticketed event.

Adjournment: 8:14 pm

Attendance: 35

Minutes by: Jayne Uelner