

Dubuque County Central Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 10, 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

The League of Women Voters delivered brochures with legislative contact information which are available to anyone who wants one.

There are Ashley Hinson t-shirts and U.S. Constitutions available on the sign in table for anyone to take.

Non-Central Committee Members are always welcome to attend our meetings. You do not need to be a Central Committee Member to server on the committees. Guests are encouraged to attend.

Kid Rock post was read:

“First we overlook evil.
Then we permit evil.
Then we legalize evil.
Then we promote evil.
Then we celebrate evil.
Then we persecute those who still call it evil.”

Co-Chair Report: Nick Molo

Nick asked who was involved in the summer picnic? Paul Hemmer and Tom Kopp will be working on it and will meet with Nick following the meeting.

Secretary Report: Jayne Uelner (no report)

Treasurer Report: Phil Crnkovich

Phil reported the ending balance as of 2/28/23 of \$9,842.14

Communicator Report: Paul Hemmer

- The Facebook followers continues to grow significantly. Since many don't subscribe to the TH, the following are posted on FB: Board of Supervisor, School Board and City Council stories. We now have 839 friends and 125 daily followers.
- Quick links to The Federalist, Victor Davis Hanson and all our elected officials.
- He assisted concerned WD parents to expose an LGBTQ+ indoctrination attempt being taught in the health class. Thanks to parent action it was resolved with the school administrator. The story was featured in the Iowa Standard.

- Our guest speaker for the August 6 fund-raiser picnic is the former Trump appointed temporary Attorney General Matt Whittaker. Steve Bradley is also helping to secure the Governor's appearance and possibly Tim Scott.
- The old expression "To fight fire with fire" is the tactics we will need to use in the 2023 and 2024 elections. We need to use the same weapons the other side is using.

Guests Speakers:

Treasurer Michael Clausen reported he is busy with tax collection and renewals. He continues to work on efficiencies. He is working in the community to get kids excited about government as a whole and explain how it works. The children have no knowledge regarding local officials.

Assessment contact for the City is Troy Patzner

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Americans for Prosperity speaker Emmy Sharaan shared the following training sessions will be held at 1st and Main with complimentary dinner included from 6 pm to 8 pm. You can attend one or all. There is no charge. RSVP is appreciated ASaraan@afphq.org or 319.440.8386

April 11 "Community Building: What Motivates Your Neighbor

April 18 "Framing/Letter to the Editor Training"

April 25 "Impacting Your Elected Officials"

New Business:

- Committee Assignments
 - *Caucus Chair: Dr. Jennifer Smith (not present)
 - *Organization: Tom Pfeiler (Fill precinct openings) and Chuck Spielman
Paul Hemmer will send out list for Precinct 14. If you know someone personally that would be a good candidate to Central Committee, please contact them or let Tom know and he will contact them. It is important to fill these openings before caucus.
 - *Budget & Finance Committee: CC Treasurer and Board
 - *Event Planning & Logistics: Paul Hemmer & Paul Kurt
 - * August Picnic
 - * 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
 - *Candidate Screening Committee: Kurt Kiessling (not present)
 - *Youth Outreach Committee: needs a chair
 - *Rules Committee: Karl Stieglitz

New Business

Chair John Darrah discussed spending fund in media for Issue Advocacy. He proposed speaking out as a party through media ads, newspaper, open letters, Facebook or Website for wider dissemination. Through this issue advocacy we need to communicate that the results of elections make a difference.

It was proposed that a billboard ad on the way to the fair ground that states the views of local Republicans could be beneficial.

It was also suggested that the best way to shape our future is by finding great candidates and invest our money to support them.

Comments from the gallery:

Concern was expressed regarding Dubuque County proposing to spend \$500,000 on new voting machines. The question was asked, if our system works, why are we looking at new machines? Chair John Darrah will contact the Board of Supervisors for an explanation on the justification of this purchase.

Cindy Mueller said the school board is proposing a \$150,000,000 bond which includes new junior high-school, all schools to be air conditioned, a gym in Eisenhower, a softball complex and land for a future elementary school, when the need arises. The committee meeting to discuss this will be held May 1. The meeting is open to the public, but no public input will be available at this meeting.

Upcoming Event:

Jackson County Spring dinner will be held Friday, April 21st at the Timber Lanes Event Center, 1005 E. Platt St., Maquoketa, IA. Doors will open at 5 pm, dinner at 6 pm and speakers at 7 pm. Vivek Ramaswamy, a 2024 Presidential Candidate is the featured speaker. Tickets are \$35 each or \$60 per couple. Tables of 8 are available for \$225. Contact Darla Chappell for tickets.

Big-time Republican names will be in attendance at Iowa Faith & Freedom Coalition's Spring Kick-Off. Below is the initial list of confirmed speakers. More could follow. Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird and Jeff Kauffman, Chairman of the Republican Party of Iowa, will serve as moderators.

1. Larry Elder
2. Congressman Will Hurd
3. Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard
4. Governor Asa Hutchinson
5. Perry Johnson
6. Former Vice President Mike Pence
7. Vivek Ramaswamy
8. Senator Tim Scott
9. Former President Donald Trump (via teleconference)

For ticket information, visit www.eventbrite.com/e/iowa-faith-freedom-coalition-23rd-annual-spring-kick-off-tickets-557276337527.

Adjournment: 8:10 pm

Attendance: 33 (12 of which were visitors)

Minutes by: Jayne Uelner