

POLK COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
Central Committee Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2012

Welcome and Guest Speakers

- The business meeting was gavelled in at 7 p.m.
- Chairman Kevin McLaughlin welcomed those present to the meeting and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance
- There was a moment of silence in honor of Central Committee member John Kline, deceased.

Speakers Prior to The Business Meeting

- Shelley Laracuente introduced Steve Scheffler, Republican Party of Iowa National Committeeman who spoke about his run for reelection at the state convention in June.
- Chairman McLaughlin introduced David Edwards, candidate for Senate District 16.
- Co-Chairman Dave Funk addressed how Central Committee members could help with poll watching.
- Chairman McLaughlin introduced Jeff Mullen, candidate for Senate District 22.

Agenda

- Chairman McLaughlin asked if everyone approved the agenda as presented.
- There were a large number of Central Committee members present due to the elections to be held during the meeting and there were not enough copies of the agenda. Chairman McLaughlin read the agenda to those present.
- The agenda approved without objection.

Election of Central Committee Members for Districts With More Than Two Voting Members (Due to Redistricting)

- Kathy Ford, Clive 4, made a motion to suspend the rules stating the Chair nominates new Central Committee members for approval by the body for this meeting only to allow the vote to go forward. Larry Voorhees seconded. The motioned passed.
- John Stokka, Urbandale 3, stated Grant Clark had moved from Polk County to Linn County and was no longer qualified to be a voting member of the Polk County Central Committee. Lee Booton, Ankeny 3, made a motion to remove Grant Clark as a candidate for the Polk County Central Committee in lieu his resignation. The motion was seconded and passed.
- Executive Director Ryan Keller announced Larry Voorhees' name had inadvertently been deleted from the list of candidates for Ankeny 13. Voting members present were asked to write in his name in for Ankeny 13. Any ballot for Ankeny 13 without Larry Voorhees' name written, would be considered a spoiled ballot and would not be counted for that precinct only.
- Elections were held in the following manner:
 - Beginning with the first precinct, each candidate or candidate representative was given 30 seconds to explain why they wanted to be a voting member.
 - Once candidates or candidate representatives had spoken members were asked to vote for up to two people.
 - Once the vote for the first precinct was completed, the same procedure was used each precinct until voting for all precincts was complete.
 - The ballots were collected and those non-voting members who had volunteered to do so left the room to count the ballots. The results of the election appear at the last page of the minutes.

- Chairman McLaughlin thank Ryan Keller for all his hard work and former Polk County Republican Chairman Ted Sporer for the helping to make the elections happen.
- The business meeting resumed.

Secretary's Report and acceptance of Minutes (Bonita Davis)

- Secretary Bonita Davis presented the April 2012 Minutes.
- Lee Booton, Ankeny 3, made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report (Michael McInerney)

- Kevin McLaughlin presented the Treasurer's report in Michael McInerney's absence. The report be filed for audit.
- Michael McInerney also filed the required report to the Ethics and Disclosure Board.
- Chairman McLaughlin announced he is seeking one or two volunteers to help Michael with treasurer duties, which are complex and time-consuming.
- Kevin started the Lincoln Basket. Total received was \$185.05.

Special Events Report (Darrell Kearney) - Robb Kelley Club Spring Dinner - May 24, 2012

- Finance Director Darrell Kearney updated the Committee for events and success
 - Darrell reported \$102,000 on account for the Central Committee
 - 600 tickets for the Robb Kelley Club Victory Dinner (May 24) have been sold to date .
 - Chairman McLaughlin thanked Darrell Kearney for all his efforts.

Ad Hoc Committee (Polk County Republican Party Central Committee Minutes)

- The *ad hoc* committee was comprised of Mark White, Sherill Whisenand, Mary Whisenand and Darrell Kearney.
- Mary Whisenand explained how the Executive Committee and Central Committee Minutes were reconstructed from written and electronic records.
- Mark White explained the gaps in the Minutes. He said the Executive Committee voted to accept the Minutes of the Executive Committee as presented, move forward and present their recommendation to the full Central Committee.
- The executive committee agreed to present a summary of actions to the central committee on a monthly basis.
- Larry Voorhees moved to accept *ad hoc* Committee's report as presented and move forward. The motion was seconded and passed.
- The motion and votes from the May 2012 Executive Committee meeting were read to the members.

Communications Committee (Mark White)

- Mark White discussed the Request For Proposal (RFP) to redesign the www.PolkGOP.com website.
 - Mark White said he was initially opposed to buying new software or paying someone to redesign the website but changed his mind due to the high number of active Central Committee members.
- Mark White announced an RFP for low cost method to redesign the website. John Stokka, Urbandale 3, is submitting an RFP. If members know anyone who would be interested in submitting an RFP, please contact Mark White.

Executive Committee Changes

- Chairman McLaughlin explain that Mary Whisenand and Sherill Whisenand had inadvertently been deleted from list of Executive Committee members at the April 2012 Central Committee meeting when those present were affirmed by the body.
- Tom Stockebrand, made a motion to approve Mary Whisenand and Sherill Whisenand as members of the Executive Committee. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Ryan Keller asked people to sign up at www.Polk_GOP.net and create a profile and/or to contact him if they want to volunteer.

Question about Polk County Republicans Office removal from the Republican Party of Iowa Headquarters, Des Moines

- A question was raised from the floor regarding why the Republican Party of Iowa asked the Polk County Republicans to move out of the Headquarters Building at 621 E. Ninth Street, Des Moines, where the Polk County Republican offices have been housed for nearly 12 years.
 - Chairman McLaughlin said the Republican Party of Iowa State Chairman A.J. Spiker and an unnamed staffer met with him, saying the Republican Party of Iowa needed the space and asked the county party to find new space by June 1.
 - Republican Party of Iowa National Committeeman Steve Scheffler stated the issue was discussed as part of the Republican Party of Iowa's April 14, 2012 State Central Committee meeting but was not voted upon at the time.
 - Republican Party of Iowa District member Gopal Krishna stated the reason given at the April 14th Republican Party of Iowa State Central Committee meeting was security concerns. Those who were opposed the plan realized they would lose if it came to a vote at that time. Gopal Krishna said the Republican Party of Iowa has access to funds from the Republican National Committee and encouraged those present to contribute to the Polk County Republican Party.
 - On the advice of the parliamentarian, Kevin McLaughlin ended the discussion because the topic was not on the approved agenda.

Central Committee Member Changes

- Dick Piphon will be a new voting member for Grimes 2.
- Craig Robinson is no longer qualified to represent Douglas 1 due to a change of address. Suzanne Campbell who received the next highest number of votes last month will take his place.

Polk County Republican Women

- Mary Jean Paschen announced there will be a conversation with the winner of the June primary election and the Annual Fall Fashion Show at the Wakonda Golf and County Club, Des Moines.
- She reminded the men present they could become associate members for a reduced price.

New Business

- Larry Voorhees presented an introduction to *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Closing

- Co-Chairman Dave Funk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and approved.
- Chairman Kevin McLaughlin closed the meeting with prayer.

The results of the election appear below. Highlighted names were elected to represent their precincts.

Ankeny 4:

- Lee Booton 92
- Cheryl Weisheit 83
- Marvis Landon 64

Ankeny 7

- Bettye Banning 110
- Spencer Sutton 109
- Mike Conner, Jr. 9
- Brenda Anderson 8

Ankeny 10

- Timothy Loraditch 85
- Ken Butters 77
- Geneveve Loraditch 69

Ankeny 12

- Skye Alison 86
- Gary Lohmann 69
- James Rowe 68

Ankeny 13

- Larry Voorhees 94
- Erin Strawn 58
- Eric Thompson 51
- Mike St. Clair 42

Delaware 1

- Victoria Bustamante 77
- Robert Lowe 43
- Kathryn Woodyard 33

Des Moines 7

- Ben Schultz 110
- Aaron Lea 30
- John Hoover 28

Des Moines 9

- Vicki Stogdill 112
- Eric Nevins 105
- Cecil Wright 12
- Steve Mullen 5

Des Moines 10

- Les Hofland 95
- Leonard Huffman 81
- Jeff Clark 20
- Steve Block 7
- Dan Spicer 5

Des Moines 14

- Kathleen Jorgensen 111
- Robert Lawson 101
- Robert Swanson 16

Des Moines 16

- Michael Canady 112
- John Chesser 104
- John Johnson 14

Des Moines 24

- Lynn Hammel 110
- Ilze Kalmins 30
- JR Kappelman 23

Des Moines 26

- Jerry Bell 98
- Tina Lyon 40
- David Rus 19

Des Moines 39

- Kenneth Weiland Jr 107
- Rick Holland 19
- Mary Kallemyn 18
- Ryan Fernandez 7

Des Moines 42

- Anita Morrill 116
- Leonard Bundy, Sr. 103
- James Bennett 8
- Sean Miller 8

Des Moines 43

- Daniel Bonefas 70
- Jaysen McCleary 58
- Christopher McDonald
(Resigned)

Des Moines 50

- Darlene Blake 112
- John Leonetti 23
- Craig Claussen 14

Des Moines 63

- Laurie Wolf 82
- Gloria Filean 69

- Emma Ritgers 40
- Tim Ritgers 38

Des Moines 66

- Janet Simpson 68
- Craig Bergman 54
- Douglas Struyk 53
- Troy Bishop 42

Des Moines 77

- Brandon Borseth
- Matthew Pering
- Dave Leach (Resigned)

Johnston 2

- Bill Griffel 97
- Andy Christenson 74
- Kim Lehman 56

Pleasant Hill 2

- Roy Mills 98
- Chris Rheinherren 91
- Randy Lehmann 10

Pleasant Hill 3

- Kevin Meinders 115
- Mark Davis 13
- Bill Deimer 8

Saylor 1

- Robert Waters 97
- Jim Poyzer 18
- Gena Hodges 13

Urbandale 11

- Al Creese 110
- Art Cross 108
- Grant Clark 2

West Des Moines 114

- Thomas Stockebrand 105
- Melody Borucki 62
- Clark Schoening 47

West Des Moines 316

- Richard Rogers 107
- Linsey Gravlin 102
- Robert Mullenberg 20