

Minutes of the Polk County Republican Central Committee Meeting

March 24, 2009

Polk County Central Committee Members convened at the March 24, 2009, Polk County Central Committee Meeting held at Hillside Elementary School in West Des Moines.

Chairman John Bloom called the meeting to order at 7:06pm. John Bloom led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved to reflect the rules of the Central Committee election and were subjected to any grammatical corrections. Wanda Sears followed by a second from George Steenson moved that the minutes be approved. There were no objections or additional discussion and the vote passed.

One guest speakers spoke to the committee; Katheryn Polking spoke on behalf of the American Future Fund and announced the upcoming Lecture Series.

John Stark gave a brief financial report showing the committee has \$3,000.23 to be filed for audit. Checks can be signed by John Bloom, Will Rogers, and John Stark.

Announcements mentioned:

Listen and Learn Session on April 6 at 6:30 pm, Grinnell Middle School

Des Moines IA Tea Party on Wed, April 15 at 11am-2pm, Iowa Statehouse

BBQ Honor Leon Mosley on Sat, April 25 at 6:00 pm, Waterloo Cattle Congress

Old Business:

Election Promise:

Chair John Bloom reiterated his election promise and core values of Polk County Republicans. These values, which will provide the backbone of the organization, include hard work on behalf of the organization, work smart or with a plan, present a united front, work to help republicans and elected officials, and continue to value traditional ideals and our platform.

New Business:

Meetings and Location:

Wanda Sears made a motion to move the meeting times from the 4th Tuesday to the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Wanda Sears spoke on behalf of the motion. John Gruber spoke against the motion. A division of the house followed and the standing vote showed the motion failed with 14 in favor and 26 in opposition of the motion.

Discussion followed on the location of the meetings. Tom Stockerbrand moved that the Chair appoint a committee of three people to find recommendations for a meeting location. The committee voted in favor of the Chair assigning a committee for location

recommendations. These recommendations will be presented to the Committee at the next meeting.

Officers and Executive Committee:

John Bloom reviewed and confirmed the new officers as follows: John Bloom as Chair, Will Rogers as Co-Chair, and John Stark as Treasurer. John Gruber nominated Emma Rittgers for Secretary. Wanda Sears moved that the election be unanimous and the nomination passed.

Chairman John Bloom then proceeded to outline the organizational structure for the executive committee and standing committees. The Executive Committee will consist of House District Coordinators, Auxiliary organizations, and Standing committee Chairs. Each House District will have a coordinator to oversee the precincts within their House District. Auxiliary organizations will have a seat on the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will meet every two weeks until May and then once a month. Names will be nominated by Chair to fill the Executive Committee and approved by the Central Committee at the next meeting. The bylaws state a limit of 30 people.

Strategic Planning Process:

John Bloom outlined the process to build the 2010 strategic plan. Central Committee members are encouraged to fill out the survey and then sign up for a strategic planning session. All notes will be compiled into a plan to be presented at the May meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm. The next Central Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 26 at 7:00pm at Hillside Elementary School.