

Montrose County Republican Central Committee
Thursday, August 9, 2018
Minutes of the Meeting

APPROVED
9/13/2018

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:34 by Chairman Hamner.

Invocation: Chairman Hamner gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Dr. Tom Canfield led the Pledge.

Welcome Elected Officials, Attendees & Guests: Chairman Hamner welcomed guests and committee members, and announced the start up of the audio/video connection to the west end of the county which had been set up by District Captain Allan Miller.

Elected Official's Report:

Representative Marc Catlin: spoke about the upcoming election and Club 20 debates on September 8th in Grand Junction.

Commissioner Keith Caddy: gave an update on fires still burning around the county; some of the damage and fighters required.

Commissioner Roger Rash: reported on west end progress and development, and their water challenges.

Commissioner Sue Hansen: reported on the county budget focus, and the dispatch center conversation.

Coroner Dr. Canfield: reported on the simulated airplane crash staged at the Montrose airport, and on CDOT misinformation regarding highway rumble strips.

Treasurer Rosemary Murphy: gave an update on tax collection and effective office procedures.

Assessor Brad Hughes: reported on the increase in sales activity and property values. He also spoke about the revenue challenges created by the Gallagher Amendment and indicated a task force is looking at a potential fix.

Chairman's Report: Spencer and Tricia Joy reported on the Opportunity Zone assessment that was highlighted in Forbes Magazine on Montrose.

The Chairman addressed the Committee regarding ways to increase voter registration and turnout.

Minutes Approval: Upon call for approval by the Chairman, Dr. Canfield made a motion to approve; it was seconded by Ray Langston, and declared approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Deb Hunter gave an accounting update of checks paid and balances. Monthly payments from the \$18.88 program are coming in. Anyone who wants to participate, still can.

Unfinished/Ongoing Business:

a) Luau - Deb Hunter reported on the details and needed help for the event at Centennial Plaza on August 18. Booths are available for candidate, organization or business info. Funds for the event were requested and a motion to approve expenditures up to \$1,000 was made by Ray Langston, seconded by Kay Heinschel, and declared approved by voice vote.

b) Lincoln/Reagan Dinner - Set for October 13 at the Holiday Inn, Kerri Catlin reported that a speaker is still to be determined; auction items and volunteers are needed.

c) Candidate support - Kerri reported on the County Fair booth and parade efforts, as well as prior and upcoming candidate Meet & Greets. Republican Women have a "call to action" that she described, and the plan for a GOP "posse".

d) Office - Marcus Catlin described the upcoming "Popcorn & Politics" program featuring a State Capitol reporter and local journalist. Comments and stories from the previous program to honor veterans were shared by Marcus and Tricia Joy.

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New Business:

a) 1st Vice Chairman election - Upon announcement that the floor was open for nominations Rosemary Murphy nominated Rick Fellabaum and Cat Fellabaum seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made and a motion to close nominations was made by Keith Caddy; seconded by Jim Dittmar. The Chairman asked for any discussion, and hearing none declared the nominations closed. Having only one candidate the Chairman declared Rick Fellabaum 1st Vice Chairman by acclamation, noted his resignation of the 2nd Vice Chairman position, and announced that the election for this position will be held at the next Central Committee meeting September 13.

Committee Chair/Affiliation Reports:

Strategy & Planning Chairman, Tricia Joy: reported on the upcoming program for Popcorn & Politics about “suffragettes” and women’s right to vote presented by Commissioner Sue Hansen. A “Get out the Vote” poster program is being initiated with local students; and she reported on the recent Club 20 policy meeting regarding public lands and water.

Public Relations Chairman Kerri Catlin: announced Congressman Scott Tipton will be guest speaker at the Republican Women luncheon meeting on August 17.

Closing Remarks/Announcements: Kay Heinschel was recognized and thanked for the “Republican Headquarters” sign he made for the office.
Efforts to start a “Friday night at the movies” event at headquarters are being explored.
Chairman Hamner closed with a Winston Churchill quote, and asked for a motion to dismiss.
Dr. Canfield made such a motion that was seconded by Ray Langston.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

— *Minutes submitted by Charli Oswald, Secretary*