

Montrose County Republican Central Committee
Thursday, June 14, 2018
Minutes of the Meeting

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Call to Order: Chairman Spencer Hamner called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Invocation: Commissioner Keith Caddy led the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: was led by John Rieser.

Welcome Attendees & Guests: Chairman Hamner welcomed the attendees and acknowledged it was Flag Day; that some special flags were on display in the back of the room, one being the flag he brought from the Demilitarized Zone between North and South Korea, and told of the recent trip he took with his family.

Elected Officials' Reports:

Senator Coram and Representative Catlin: briefly acknowledge the end of a productive session but gave no official reports.

Commissioner Keith Caddy: reported the Commissioners were deep in the budget cycle, and working with the hospital to provide the availability of medical services throughout the county.

Coroner Tom Canfield: reported his office was within budget.

CU Regent Glen Gallegos: reported on his run for re-election; the CU Board of Regents; medical resource advancements coming from the institution, and it's affect on the 3rd Congressional District.

Minutes Approval: The Chairman called for a motion for approval of the published May 10th Minutes of the Meeting which was given by Dianna Coram, and seconded by Jim Dittmar.

Treasurer's Report: Deb Hunter reported on the current balance; paid checks; and the \$18.88 program for monthly donations for the newly leased office space. The Tracer report is not yet complete.

Unfinished/Ongoing Business:

New office opening: Chairman Hamner announced the grand opening date of June 21st at 5:30. Primary candidates and local elected officials are scheduled to speak briefly. Allan Miller reported on the Spectrum connection and the monthly cost for phone and internet service which would require a vote of the committee to approve funding. A motion was made by Dr. Canfield to approve such funding; it was seconded by Kay Heinschel and declared passed by the Chairman.

A list of basic needs was announced. The new phone number is: 970-615-7411.

Upcoming primary election: Clerk and Recorder Tressa Guynes reported 3,328 ballots had been received to date and signature verifications have started. Voting machines will be available Monday, and the SOS will be doing a site inspection. We also heard a report on the challenges of the double ballot issue, and the excess printing costs to the county.

A new software system is scheduled to be installed and training in Grand Junction is ongoing. This will result in the office closing August 1st through the 5th when renewals will have to be made online.

LAT report: Rick Fellabaum reported on how impressed he was with the Logic and Accuracy Test he participated in to test accuracy results prior to the election.

New Business:

Sign in: Charli Oswald announced that only elected Central Committee members are required to sign in; all others only need to indicate if they are not getting the emails. Kerri Catlin explained that registering online at the website will help correct issues with getting emails.

Fourth of July: Attendees are invited to join in and invite others.

County Fair: A booth has been confirmed for the County Fair. Anyone interested in helping is encouraged to sign up. The Fair parade will be on July 23rd and several vehicles will be participating. Dianna Coram will be helping to organize the line-up that will start at North 9th and Nevada.

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Committee Chair/Affiliation Reports:

Strategy & Planning Chairman, Tricia Joy: gave a report on the Western Conservative Summit recently held in Denver and the inspiring list of speakers and classes that were highlighted. Also given were the straw poll results for the Gubernatorial and Treasurer races that were featured.

Public Relations Chairman, Kerri Catlin: spoke about the GOTV (Get Out the Vote) effort; the kinds of help needed and where to sign up or get information. Republican Women will be making calls and lists will be available through Dianna.

Kay Heinschel pointed out how voter turn-out affects delegate numbers at the State Assembly. He also volunteered to help with walk lists in the Fall.

Discussion ensued regarding other communication options such as text messaging for instant alerts, and the type of systems available through the State where calls can be made to as many as 2,200 people per hour.

Republican Women Chairman, Dianna Coram: Senator Coram and Representative Catlin will be the featured speakers at the next meeting on June 15th. The organization is busy planning new events and using social media for messaging. She also reported on the two women who recently received scholarships

Closing Remarks/Announcements:

October 13th is still being considered for the Lincoln/Reagan Dinner.

The final gubernatorial debate will take place on June 19th on Channel 7 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Charli Oswald spoke about the need for an Events and Fundraising Chairman. The new office facility allows for easily organized events for fundraising and community education.

Adjournment: The Chairman called for a motion to dismiss that was made by Dr. Canfield and seconded by Jim Dittmar. The meeting adjourned at 7:57.

— Minutes submitted by Charli Oswald, Secretary