

Montrose County Republican Central Committee

Monthly Meeting Minutes – APPROVED

School Board Meeting room 930 Colorado Ave Montrose
Wednesday January 8,2020

Call to Order: 6:30 pm by Chairman Ray Langston

Invocation: Ray Langston

Pledge of Allegiance: Scott Riba

Elected Officials Report: Elected Officials present were Roger Rash, Keith Caddy, Sue Hansen, Tressa Guynes, and Rosemary Murphy.

- Sue Hansen stated that things have been quiet at the County. Commissioner Keith Caddy has been appointed to the Southwest Basins Roundtable Board; the County; the County is holding an “Open House” or public meeting to determine the definition of “junk” for ordinance purposes.
- Tressa Guynes passed out sample ballots and explained them; actual ballots will be mailed out to voters from her office on 2/10/2020; Independents will be issued both a Democrat and Republican ballot but may only vote one ballot. There is a very good system of checks and balances in place to assure the integrity of the process; Tressa will be the guest speaker at Pizza & Politics in February .
- Rosemary Murphy reported that property tax notices will be in the mail during the 3rd week of January.

Chairman’s Report: (by Ray Langston)

- **WE ARE IN FULL CAMPAIGN MODE!!**
- We need to increase our Republican voter registration rolls
- Democrats hacked the GOP State Data Base last election
- Those wishing to participate in a voter registration drive must go through the prescribed training to get certified;
- Individuals can go online to the Secretary of State’s office to register.
- Ray had petitions on ending late term abortions in CO which were passed around for signatures.
- We made \$2088 on the December raffles of the Trump 45 and the AR-15; Ray is currently looking for other ideas and items for future raffles; he was given positive feedback on the raffle ticket prices at \$5/each or 5 tickets for \$20.
- HQ search is continuing; we have not yet found anything in our desired price range of \$500/month or less; we don’t want to spend a lot of money on rent which would divert funds from our Republican candidates; several local real estate vacancies were discussed.

Secretary's Report: (Lois Hogan)

- 2 changes were made to the proposed Draft of the December meeting minutes – correcting Ron Henderson's name; clarifying the port of entry sentence; motion was made to approve these changes; approval by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report: (Nona Mayberry)

- Overview of expenses and deposits were given; bank balance is at \$12.5k

2nd Vice Chairman's Report: (Kay Heinschel)

- Received a promise from Kristi Burton Brown at State HQ for caucus training, but had no date yet; if necessary, Kay will hold the training session (s) on 2/29/20.
- No changes to the PCP roster; we will need to fill the vacancies at the caucus
- Bi-Partisan Montrose City Council elections are coming up on 4/7/2020; there are 3-4 business owners who are considering running but weighing in on the potential effect it might have on their businesses; filing deadline to run for City Council is January 27, 2020 with the City Clerk.
- Montrose County Assembly is scheduled for 3/28/2020 at 9am, with check-in and credentialing at 8am; volunteers are needed to help with credentialing and the teller committee; Lois Hogan will contact the Republican Women's Club to ask for volunteers.

1st Vice Chairman's Report: (Dr Joe Adragna)

- The next Lincoln/Reagan Fundraising committee meeting is scheduled for 1/17/2020 at 7:30 am at Peak Medical offices; the committee is looking at venues and speaker ideas.
- Sue Hansen suggested that Greg Walcher, author of "Smoking Them Out – The Theft of the Environment and How to Take It Back" - might be a good idea for Keynote Speaker; Greg is a respected leader in natural resources policy and lives in Grand Junction.

Strategy & Planning Committee: (Dean Wagner)

- Pizza and Politics in 2020 is scheduled for community meetings once/month; the committee desires to keep the meeting topics pertinent and interesting, and wants to include Independent voters and youth in its outreach; the committee is always open to ideas for future meetings
- The January meeting is scheduled for 1/23/20 with Sheriff Gene Lillard speaking on the Red Flag Law in Colorado.

Meeting Adjournment: 8:02 pm – motion made by Jim Dittmar and seconded by Dennis Mitchell; approval by acclamation.

