

# Montrose County Republican Central Committee

## Monthly Meeting Minutes – APPROVED

School Board Meeting room 930 Colorado Ave Montrose  
Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup> 2019

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

**Invocation:** Ray Langston

**Pledge of Allegiance:** led by State Senator Don Coram

**Elected Officials Reports:** Elected Officials present were Marc Catlin, Don Coram, Rosemary Murphy, Roger Rash & Sue Hansen.

- **Don Coram** – New legislative session begins 1/8/2020; Congressman Scott Tipton was rated as the 8<sup>th</sup> most valuable member of Congress (out of 435); state's projected revenue was down.
- **Marc Catlin** – we need to get the names, addresses, phone #'s and emails for all Dems in the state house so that we can contact them over the nonsense they will be promoting in the next session; Marc believes that the Colorado State Patrol should be used at state port of entries; Marc's current issues include repealing the sales tax on agricultural fencing, working with Parks & Wildlife for additional services in parks and trails; concerns about the progressive Dems and their ideas such as banning pesticides;
- **Roger Rash** – Budget for the county (\$85m) was just passed; County Court House remodel still on its way; Sue Hansen was voted Freshman Commissioner of the Year! ***Congratulations Sue!*** CDOT holding a Blue Canyon meeting 12/12/19.
- **Sue Hansen** – No one attended the budget meeting earlier in the day
- **Rosemary Murphy** – forego report

### Chairman's Report:

- Congressman Tipton is being primaried by a woman from Rifle
- Caucuses are scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 am Montrose High School
- County Assembly is Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>
- State Assembly is April 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> in Broomfield
- Raffle Sales are going slow-tickets available after the meeting; drawings will be held Saturday 12/21 at noon at Ray's home; Lois Hogan and Kerri Catlin to be witnesses
- Ray is trying to find a new HQ for us but it's difficult given rising lease rates and availability; we need approx. 1000 sq ft.; Marc Catlin suggested the Network building on S. 9<sup>th</sup> street; Ray would like to find a facility asap after the start of the new year, and funded by the raffle sales; ***raffle proceeds cannot be used for candidate support.***

### By Law Changes – 34 voting members in attendance

- Necessary due to addition of the Raffle License and the need to have all documents match in terms of names, etc.
- Section I - motion by Alan Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Coram; approval by acclamation by voting members

- Article III changes – motion by Kay Heinschel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Ditmar; approval by voting members;
- Article VII changes – motion by Jim Ditmar; 2<sup>nd</sup> Marc Catlin; approval by acclamation of voting members
- Article XIII changes (date and names) – motion by Jim Ditmar; 2<sup>nd</sup> Dean Wagner; approval by acclamation of voting members
- Revision Date – motion by Dennis Mitchell; 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Ditmar; approval by acclamation of voting members.

#### **Secretary’s Report – Lois Hogan**

- Asked for motion to approve the minutes from the November meeting – motion by Jim Ditmar; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kay Heinschel; approval by acclamation;

#### **Treasurer’s Report – given by Ray Langston**

- Scholarship money (approx. \$1100) given to the Republican Women’s Club for 2017 donations we were not allowed to keep given that they came from businesses and not individuals; repeated attempts had been made to contact these businesses to return the funds
- Reported the balance in our general fund – approx.. \$13k

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Report – Dr. Joe Adragna**

- We raised approx. \$20k on the Lincoln/Reagan Dinner with about \$8k in expenses
- Seeing lots of energy back in the party due to the event;
- Currently we are scheduled for the next L/R dinner to be held at the Pavillion on 8/15/2020; no speaker lined up yet with Senator Cory Gardner on the short list.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Report – Kay Heinschel**

- Reported on PCP shortages and the need to fill in order to run the caucuses
- Some members in attendance volunteered to run a precinct caucus other than their own in order to help facilitate
- Ron Henderson stated that we need to let people know how much they are needed, and encourage active support and participation
- Kay talked about the City Council opening and the need for us to find good candidates since the election does not run on party lines.

#### **Committee Chair Reports**

- **Seth Ryan** gave an update on the DA race; we need legislative changes to keep criminals off the street
- **Rick Fellabaum** reported that we have a Silent Auction item to “live” auction off at this time; bidding was opened on the Storm King Distillery tour and tasting; Dr. Joe Adgrana was the winner at \$200.
- **Ken Konkell** – his committee met earlier in the day and they are working on the Pizza and Politics schedule for 2020; we have a great need to reach out to Hispanic and Independent voters.
- **Kerri Catlin** – nothing new to report on Public Relations
- **Republican Women’s Club** – to meet Friday 12/13 for their Xmas pot luck; no January meeting.

- **Diana Coram**- putting together a Candidate Support Committee

#### **Adjournment**

- Move to adjourn by Jim Ditmar; 2<sup>nd</sup> Kay Heinschel
- Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm