

Montrose County Republican Central Committee

Monthly Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

School Board Meeting room 930 Colorado Ave Montrose
Wednesday October 9th

Call to Order: 6:29 pm by Chairman Langston

Invocation: Marc Catlin

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Ray Langston

Elected Officials Reports: Tressa Guynes spoke about the upcoming election; Marc Catlin spoke about the upcoming legislative session; Rosemary Murphy updated us on her office and taxes collected; Rick Fellabaum spoke for Dr. Canfield and gave an update on the coroner's office.

Chairman's Report – Ray Langston

- Ray had non-members introduce themselves.
- Provided updates on the raffle license application and delays due to naming issues with the Montrose Republican Party;
- Glock 19 to be raffled off at the Lincoln/Reagan Dinner; AR 15 and Trump inscribed 1911 45 cal will both be auctioned off on 12/21/19
- Caucus date is not March 7th at 10 am; Ray is in the process of securing Montrose High School for the event.
- Ray addressed an issue with community member Judy Ann Files; no one in attendance was aware of any comments ever made
- Scheduled telephone conference with the State Party did not happen, so no news to report.

Secretary's Report – Lois Hogan

- Lois asked for an approval of prior meeting minutes; motion made by Richard Dittmar and seconded by Rick Fellabaum; minutes approved by acclamation.
- Gave a brief update on the upcoming Lincoln/Reagan Dinner; Silent Auction donors still needed

Treasurer's Report – Nona Mayberry

- Ray gave the update in lieu of Nona who was unavailable.
- Checkbook completely up to date and reconciled

1st Vice Chairman's Report – Dr. Joe Adragna

- Dr Joe provided an update on ticket sales (114) and other miscellaneous details

Website:

- Ray has been updating the website and will continue to do so
- Donation button does not yet work

- We need a “Raffle Button” and separate bank account for these funds which must be kept separate for regular party funds

Party Position Statement on 2A

- At the September Central Committee Meeting the group agreed that the Executive Committee should draft a local party position on 2A; see below: “NO on 2A”

Montrose County Republican Party (GOP) is in full support of the Montrose Police Department (MPD), Chief Blaine Hall, Support for Public Safety, the need for additional Officers and new facilities.

Montrose GOP is the party of fiscal responsibility, limited government and does not support a sales tax increase to correct the problem forced on the MPD.

We call upon City Council to align priorities in such a way that Public Safety is #1. With rising crime rates, drug use and

- there was discussion around this issue specifically D. Laird’s letter in the paper
- the committee voted 14 – 0 in favor of making the statement public
- visitor David Reid took the podium and expressed his opinion in opposition to the above statement.

School Board Elections:

- Reminder of Upcoming School Board Elections and support for Republican candidates, including Shawn Carroll and Dr. Dory Adragna.

Proposition CC – TABOR AEMDMENT repeal – NO on CC!

- Overwhelming agreement by party members to opposed the repeal of TABOR

Proposition DD

- Marc Catlin spoke about DD and explained that it taxes casinos for sports betting and would help to fund necessary water projects throughout the state, and addresses irrigation issues; this is not a tax on necessities but on a person’s entertainment funds
- Party position is to support DD

Signs for NO on 2A and NO on CC

- A motion was made by Jim Dittmar and 2nds by Charlie Oswald to place large signs on 3 highway locations; motion carried

2nd Vice Chairman’s Report – Kay Heinschel

- Kay Heinschel reported that the vacancy committee met and was putting forward Chuck Searcy for Olathe District Captain; Chuck was unanimously approved for the DC position.
- Kay has not had much luck recruiting new PC’s for the existing vacancies and said we might need to wait until the caucuses to fill the vacancies.
- Jim Dittmar suggested running the PCP meetings before the speeches at the County Assembly because too many people leave before the PCP meetings get started

- Kay reviewed the two training sessions for PCP's that he set up this past summer
- Laura Hendrickson expressed the need for some additional direction for PCP during election years.
- Kay stated that our goal is to appeal to Independent Voters

Strategy and Planning Committee – Ken Konkell, chairman

- Ken Konkell gave an update on Pizza & Politics – the last session was about Prop CC and DD. There were 44 attendees and 14 new guests
- Ken's goal is to up the attendance significantly with possible radio ads and Free Enterprise talks for students at Montrose HS

Public Relations Committee – Kerri Catlin, chairman

- Kerri Catlin talked about purchasing tickets for the LR Dinner
- Encouraged us to "share share share" Facebook postings from the party
- Announced the upcoming Republican Women's meeting on 10/18 featuring guest speaker Commissioner Keith Caddy
- Republican Women were pleased with the additional scholarship money we can provide due to donations from 2016 that the party is not allowed to keep but can donate.
- Protect Your Vote – sent out via Facebook and Constant Contact to teach people to take charge of their ballots and not give unused ballots to anyone! Additional discussion on watching the ballot drop box outside the court house.

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm by Jim Dittmar; meeting adjourned.