

October 2010

Ferry County Central Committee Meeting Minutes

Oct. 20th, Republic

Meeting called to order at 6:14 pm. Attending were: Bryan Bremner, Bob Whittaker, Michael Sternberg, Kevin Green, Cynthia Bonneau-Green, Melissa Rose and Kisa.

There were no corrections or additions to the agenda. The September minutes were read and approved.

Reports:

Treasurer

A brief report was given by Michael. A vote was taken of the Central Committee by email about giving Tom Brown, a nonpartisan candidate for District Court, a contribution. The vote was 3 yea and 1 nay to give him \$100. This should leave our account with a balance of about \$200.

Committeeperson

Bryan reported on the WSDCC meeting saying that it was the usual business of not getting much done. Michael mentioned a Resolution that was passed to the effect that candidates must sign an oath to support the Democratic Party to get their support. This provoked a lot of discussion with no resolution of our own except chagrin.

Bryan mentioned Larry Ludwigs email about a possible fee on the Keller Ferry. He didn't think it would be right.

Old Business

Secretary

Again no one volunteered to be Secretary.

New Business

Commissioner Campaign

Cynthia reported on the favorable impact of her last mailer. It listed her experience on one side and Brian Dansel's on the other. A question mark appeared over his non-list. She went on to tell us of the praise she got from people for her positive campaign. Melissa coordinated about 17 people phoning on behalf of Cynthia. A special mailer went out to people on the Reservation. She had been doorbelling all day. She thinks she is gaining ground in the north county. Cynthia said she felt good about speaking at the Malo Grange candidate's night. She said that she spoke clearly about what she wanted to convey.

There followed a rather long and unresolved discussion about the divisiveness of Dansel's campaign.

Commissioner Bob Heath

The general tone was that Bob was less than helpful in his District for Cynthia's campaign. She felt he bent over backward to not support her. Bob W. quietly wished that Heath would put a sign up in his yard for Cynthia.

Campaign Analysis

This was brought up in the vein of questioning what we as a local party could improve on to better support candidates. It was thought that it would be helpful to put together a paper that would show potential candidates just what we could do to help them. Of particular interest was working out a timeline for say, phoning, and when would be a good time to identify undecided voters. Besides timing other issues of involvement by the party in a campaign needed to be discussed. Also of note are the rules of candidate use of VoteBuilder. Clarification of these matters could conceivably have been more help to the current campaign.

County Platform

It was generally agreed upon that we need to redefine our local party positions in relation to the national and state central committees by means of a clear platform.

Election Night Party

A party at Esther's was announced to celebrate the preliminary results of the election beginning around 6 PM regardless of the outcome.

The meeting adjourned at 8 PM. Minutes by Kisa.