

Minutes of the Republican Party of Benton County Committee Meeting March 26, 2013

Chairman, Tim Summers called the Committee Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on March 26, 2013 following a chili supper hosted by the Benton County Republican Women. The meeting was held at the Community Service Building in Bentonville. An invocation was given by Chairman Summers followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Leon Caster. Leigh Nogy, Secretary, determined that a quorum was present. Chairman Summers welcomed everyone. Vice Chairman, John Carr presided for the remainder of the meeting.

Guests that are Elected Officials: No introductions were called.

Guests that are Candidates: No introductions were called.

Guests: Thomas Brewer, Denise Bugos, Danny Hall, Lukas Keagy, Donna Brashears, Shelby Maddox, Bob Nolan, Marsha Nolan, Stella Wadley, Wayne Wadley

Secretary's Report: Quorum present. A motion was made to approve the minutes for January and February by Octavio Sanchez, seconded by Kurt Maddox. The motion was approved unanimously.

Voted on New Membership: Donna Brashears, Russell DellaRosa, John Huffman were unanimously approved for membership.

Nominations for New Membership: None.

(Previously, in June, John Hines was nominated for membership, in September Dawn Williams and James Smith were nominated for membership, in October Bethany Craddock was nominated for membership, in February Matthew Tauriainen and Jesse Wilke were nominated for membership. All have yet to be voted for membership.)

Allied Group Announcements:

Republican Women of Bentonville (RWB) - The Republican Women of Bentonville will have Bill Burkhart a Bentonville City Councilman as guest speaker. Meeting is Thursday, April 11th at 6:00p.m. at the Bentonville Public Library. Also, the RWB will host a FASHION SHOW IN JUNE at the Home of John and Sue Scott, more info to follow.

Contact Olga Berg for more questions. arrepublicanlady@gmail.com

Visit our website...<http://republicanwomenofbentonville.org/>

Siloam Springs Republican Women(SSRW)- April 22nd at the First Bank Community Room, 200 Progress Ave. Coffee time is 6:30 and the Program at 7 P.M. The club will be hosting the Candidates for Siloam Springs City Council, Position 1. Also the Club would like to invite any

candidates or future candidates to come and they will be given time to introduce themselves with a short message. For further information contact Carrie Chastain, 479-524-3461 or email jdchastain@centurytel.net

Benton County Republican Women (BCRW) – meeting Tuesday, April 16th at 12 p.m. at Golden Corral Restaurant located at 2605 Pleasant Crossing, Exit 81. Our featured speaker will be Alexis Sigurani of Tutoring Resources of Arkansas. She will share information about the value of education versus dependency. Contact Leigh Nogy at 479-283-6365 or email info@bentoncountyrepublicanwomen.org

Republican Men of Benton County (RMBC) - Friday, April 26th, 12 p.m. at Golden Corral Restaurant located at 2605 Pleasant Crossing, Exit 81. Our speaker for our April 26 meeting will be Circuit Judge Brad Karren. Judge Karren will discuss innovative procedures that he has introduced in his office. Contact Duane Neal....email: neald@cox.net ...Cell - 479-903-5690.

General Announcements:

Beverly Seilestadt read her letter to the editor and asked for feedback.

Witt and Brice of the Young Republicans announced that Tuesday, April 30th, Guest Speaker-**Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker**. Location: Fayetteville Town Center. Make a plan to attend!!! Purchase tickets by clicking here: <http://reagandaydinner.org/>

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Octavio Sanchez again asked for us to write a statement about what makes you believe in being Republican and why? Bring these answers back to the meeting in April, please.

The Lincoln Day Dinner Committee Co-Chair Deanna Ratcliff and Bill Burckart announced that there would possibly be a governor speaking and that the date was still no known. They sent around a volunteer sign up sheet and announced that LDD planning meetings would be at the Arbors Clubhouse on "I" Street on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. (usually)

Program: Wayne Mays from Arkansas Right to Life, who lives in Siloam Springs and is on the Siloam Springs Chamber of Commerce, spoke to us about the prolife issues facing our legislators currently and a history of 10 prolife bills that were passed under Governor Huckabee. They have been working to implement these laws in the incremental method, a step at a time, but under Senator Jason Rapert, these laws were ramped up during this legislative session, despite the vetos of Governor Beebe. He said, "It is inconceivable to me that the Governor (who says he is prolife) would veto those bills." The bills passed included opting out of the abortion part of Obamacare and another ban for abortion for pain-capable fetus at 20 weeks. Planned Parenthood and the ACLU will always say they'll take us to court. Meanwhile, 8-10 other states are working towards this too. In North Dakota, the 6-week limit to abortions was just signed into law. We are guaranteed life, liberty and the pursuit of

happiness. That statement should apply to all, even the unborn. Another bill not filed in this session was to ban webcam abortions where the doctor is not even present. So far, 14 women have died from the chemicals. We need to keep pressing for the 12 week heartbeat bill. At least 800 lives could be saved in Arkansas per year with this bill. We need to keep encouraging our legislators to act.

Adjourn:

Vice Chairman Carr adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Nogy, Secretary