

Road Map to Victory 2016 - 566 Days to Election 2016

Longbranch Hotel & Convention Center
90 Twixt Town Rd. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Candidate Time - 6:30 pm

- John Erceg (CR41) - Dr. Ben Carson Campaign
- Matt O'Neal (CR35) - Sen. Ted Cruz Campaign
- Brenda Hart (CR27) - Gov. Scott Walker Action Committee
- Kevin Poindexter - Gov. Chris Christie Action Committee
- Bernie Hayes (CR24) - Gov. Mike Huckabee

Call to Order – 7:02, Cindy Golding (TMON1) Chair

Invocation - Dr. Don Nelson (CR24)

Pledge of Allegiance - Richard Bice (MR10)

Guests Introductions - Danielle Brazant, Bill Keetle, Emma Hasse, Burton Loupee

Announcements

- Emma Nemececk (TBER) - May 21st Ceremony of Naturalization, Federal Court Building, Cedar Rapids, Celebration of Naturalization, Des Moines, Hawk-eye Downs Gun Show May 29 thru 31, Philippine Independence Day, Mt. Vernon High school June 13, need volunteers to support the Linn County Fair June 24 thru 29th
- Nathan Hohenstein - Americans for Prosperity - Phone Bank May 27th (5-8 pm), Grass Roots Leadership Academy (6 weeks, 2 hours each night starting July 29th), Defending American Dream Summit, Columbus, Ohio, August 20-23rd (\$25 for bus ride, ticket and hotel)
- Frank Sladek (CR35) - Marketing and PR Team Lead - looking to sign up volunteers for letter writing and information on publications that LCRCC members read
- Sam Pritchard - Roast and Ride representing Joni Ernst, June

Guest Speaker - Nathan Hohenstein provided an overview of how volunteers can and cannot work on PAC's and campaigns. No coordination is allowed between super-pacs, pacs and candidates. Contributions to pacs are unlimited while contributions to candidates is limited.

Approve Agenda - Secretary confirmed a quorum. Agenda approved by unanimous consent.

Executive Committee Report - Co-Chair Brett Mason (CR06)

- **April Topics** not covered in the April LCRCC Monthly meeting.
 1. Approved a reduction in the LCRCC office lease cost saving \$125 per month. The Records and Candidate Support Team participated in reaching the decision to relocate.
 2. Planned the Linn County Lincoln Dinner. The handout was on the tables.

• **May Topics**

1. Funded the Houby Day Parade held on 5/16
2. Conducted an Advisory Committee meeting on May 11th.
3. The Chair confirmed that that the Longbranch meeting room price of \$125 per room is not open to negotiation.
4. Secretary reported membership changes - John Sabotta (CR38) passed in March, Rachel Aalbers (TFRA) and Jan Whetstone (TOTT) have resigned.
5. The Co-Chair presented a motion to approve a set of Rules of Decorum (see attachment for the entire motion).
 - Richard Bice (MR10) moved, "To Call the Question", seconded and passed.
 - The main motion as described in the attachment passed.

Treasurer Report by Robin Tucker for March, April & 2015-2016 Budget

- Marvin Spragg (MR07) moved, "To Table the Budget". Motion ruled out of order.
- Presented financial information from 3/1/2015 thru 4/30/2015 and answered specific questions on the report. Reports handed out.
- Presented the 2015-2016 Budget. Note that it is a two year budget. The timeline for cash flows for Caucus and Convention is not rigid to an individual year.
- Motion by Dan Hess (CR14), "To suspend the rules and extend the meeting for 15 minutes." Motion passes. Division called; motion passed 26 for and 13 opposed.
- The Treasurer submitted the budget to the body for approval.
- Matt O'Neal moved "To accept the budget as presented by the Treasurer, understanding it is amendable moving forward." Seconded. Althea Cole moved to "Table the budget". The motion was called out of order. A vote on calling the question passed (caller not identified) and the vote on the motion to approve the budget made by Matt O'Neal passed.

Motion by the Co-Chair - "Create a Special Team to review the Linn County Republican Central Committee Membership Bylaws and recommend changes to the membership requirements. Report to be completed by July, 2015. Team Lead - Dan Seufferlein. Members - Bruce Bernier, Steve Menzner, David Chung Justin Wasson. Executive Advisor - Secretary Gary Ellis"

Paul Pelletier(CR15) moved to "Call the Question." Seconded. Motion passed.

John Haible (TSPR) moved to "To extend the meeting until business is completed or the body votes to adjourn." Motion seconded. Gary Ellis (CR24) rose to amend the motion, "To amend the motion to continue business on the agenda through welcome new members." Amendment seconded. Matt O'Neal rose to question if there was a quorum. A quorum was confirmed by the Secretary. Motion to amend fails. The motion, ""To extend the meeting until business is completed or the body votes to adjourn."

Approve Minutes - The Secretary moved, "To accept the March minutes as corrected", seconded and passed.

During the discussion of the motion the Chair was answering a question when Marvin Spragg rose, waved his hand in the air, advancing toward the Chair and said "You shut up for a minute." He was restrained by another member. Paul Pelletier raised a Point of Privilege "requesting that the Chair

appoint a sergeant-at-arms be named and escort Marvin Spragg from the meeting." Motion seconded. Motion failed.

The Secretary moved , "To accept the April minutes." Seconded. Mary Ernzen (MR07) moved to amend, "To withhold the attendance from publication". Amendment passed. The amended motion passed.

First District Meeting Report - Dr. Don Nelson reported on the First District Executive Committee.

Emma Nemecek moved "To adjourn." Seconded. The motion failed.

Welcome New LCRCC members - Justin Wasson moved "To remove the following members; Scott Cross (moved), Rachel Aalbers (resigned), Jan Whetstone (resigned), John Sabotta (deceased) and Rose Eaton (deceased)." Motion passed. The Secretary will send a letter to Scott Cross, Rachel Aalbers and Jan Whetstone thanking them for their service.

Team Activity

- Membership and Meeting Support Team Meeting on June 8th at 6:30 PM at Godfather's.
- Caucus Team reported by Paul Pelletier that the team has held two meetings.
- Dan Hess reported that the Convention Team has met twice. Dan moved, "Up to \$2000 of the budgeted \$6000 be spent in 2015 to be used for County Convention expenses or for location deposit when approved by a majority of the Convention Team." Motion Passed, "Move to allow the Convention Team to decide by vote the location of the County Convention." Motion passed.
- Marketing & Public Relations team - Frank Sladek reported that the team has met once. Frank asked for letter writing volunteers and input on publications members read.

Wayne Null moved "The LCRCC does not publish the membership attendance list on the internet." Seconded. Motion passed.

Pass the Hat Total - \$53.50

Althea Cole move, "To conduct an online web and social media audit by Bill Dahlsten, former Chair of the Communications Committee, and the Team Leader of the Marketing and PR Team Lead, Frank Sladek, so we may take a look at our successes and our failures of all our online footprint of the Linn County Republican Central Committee." The Chair referred the request to the Marketing and Public Relations Team.

Paul Pelletier moved "To adjourn." Motion seconded and passed.

Excused Absence and Meeting Attendance - Contact the Chair by phone at (319) 423-9467 or email the Secretary at Secretary@LinnCountyGOP.com.

Minutes prepared by Gary Ellis, Secretary Linn County Republican Central Committee.

Attachment - Motion for Rules of Decorum

Official rules of decorum are to ensure that members and officers of the LCRCC shall at all times conduct themselves in a manner that reflects creditably on the LCRCC. The intent is to provide an atmosphere where members debate actions and issues before them in an efficient and collegial manner, showing respect for each other and to the institution.

Members must stand while speaking, and address the Chair with their remarks.

Conversations and other remarks which may interrupt the civil, orderly conduct of the meeting, or the ability of other members to participate in proceedings, are prohibited.

Personal attacks on any member of the body are prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, name-calling, unfounded allegations of wrong-doing, or unsupported accusations of malcontent or misfeasance.

Charts and exhibits are allowed during debate to the extent that they inform members. Charts or exhibits that demean the body or any member thereof are prohibited, and any member may object to the use of a chart or exhibit.

No speaker shall be interrupted except by procedure specifically authorized by Roberts Rules of Order or other provisions of the governing documents of the body. Members should avoid impugning the motives of another member, using offensive language, or otherwise uttering words which may be deemed unparliamentary. Unparliamentary speech shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Defaming or degrading the body
- Impugning the motives of another member
- Charging falsehood or deception
- References to race, creed, or prejudice
- Charges related to loyalty or patriotism