RHEA COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Meeting Minutes for March 3, 2022

Before tonight’s official meeting began, Chairman Elizabeth Gryder and meeting attendees congratulated Marvin Keener, Sr., on his upcoming 90th birthday! Cake was served.

Elizabeth Gryder called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Marvin Keener offered prayer and Elizabeth Gryder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes Judy Bancroft read the minutes for the general meeting held February 3, 2022. A motion was made by Marvin Keener, Sr., and seconded by Elizabeth Gryder to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Treasury Report Elizabeth Gryder reported that the treasury balance is unchanged. She also reported that the Executive Committee approved our sponsorship of the article “Famous First Ladies” in the series “Presidential Profiles,” published recently by the *Herald News.*

Candidates A number of candidates for office were present at the meeting and were given the opportunity to address the audience.

Senatorial Debate Elizabeth Gryder announced that we will be hosting a debate for candidates for State Senate. The event will take place on Thursday, July 7th, at 7:00 pm at the Sheriff’s Training Center in Evensville. Members were asked to bring questions to our next meeting which they would like the debate moderator to ask the candidates.

Reagan Day Dinner Set-up will begin Friday at approximately 4:00 pm. We can finish up Saturday morning, if need be. On Saturday, candidates may set up their table spaces in the lobby beginning at 4:30 pm. Guests will begin arriving at 5:00 pm for a social hour, and the program and dinner will begin at 6:00 pm.

Elizabeth Gryder announced that purchased tickets were available for pick-up at the end of tonight’s meeting. (288 tickets have been sold thus far.) Also, she reminded those present that each Rhea County Republican Party family is requested to bring one dessert (uncut).

Bledsoe County Reagan Day Dinner Elizabeth Gryder announced that this event will be held on Friday, March 25th, at 5:30 CDT. Those interested in attending were asked to call her; her cell phone number will be posted at our website.

Goya Foods Kris Bancroft shared that Bob Unanue, President of Goya Foods, is sending 100,000 cans of food to Ukraine; Kris suggested that we patronize their products as a means of showing our gratitude and solidarity.

HR 127 Kris Bancroft reported that a bill has been introduced to the U. S. House of Representatives which would require registration of all firearm trades, including trades among family members. Also, a national registry would be instituted for all purchases of ammunition. Members were encouraged to contact their elected representatives and voice their opinion of this bill.

Contacting Government Officials Elizabeth Gryder brought a newspaper to the meeting with contact information for use in letting our elected officials know of our legislative concerns. Contact information is also available in each edition of *The Rhea County Republican.* Ted Engel encouraged phone calls as a preferred method of communication, as the numbers of positive and negative responses are recorded.

Rhea County Fair Elizabeth Gryder announced that an event will be held next month to celebrate the Fair’s 15th Anniversary and to honor the founder of the Fair, the late Harold Fisher. The event will take place on Friday, April 1st. Attendees were asked to contact her if interested in attending.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Judy Bancroft

Secretary