RHEA COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Meeting Minutes for May 5, 2022

Chairman Elizabeth Gryder called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Marvin Keener offered prayer and Ted Engel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Elizabeth Gryder announced that copies of recent minutes and the Reagan Day Dinner after-action report are available at the table for members to view after the meeting. The minutes are also posted at our website.

Treasurer Report Elizabeth Gryder announced that the Treasurer Report is available for members to view at the table.

Guest Speaker Courtney Lynch Ms. Lynch has been an Assistant District Attorney in District #12 for a number of years and is now running for the position of District Attorney. She spoke of her education and experience, involvement with special law-related projects and philosophy. She pledges to use conservative principles in managing the DA’s office. To learn more, visit her website at [www.votelynch.com](http://www.votelynch.com/).

OLD BUSINESS

Congratulations to Primary Winners Elizabeth Gryder congratulated all winners of the May Republican Primary. She told of working at the polls on Election Day and reported that a large majority of registered voters did not vote and encouraged us to help “get out the vote.”

Distribution of PAC Funds & Other Assistance to Candidates Elizabeth Gryder reported that the Executive Committee recommends that a $200 donation be given to each of the 18 Republican candidates who won their primary. Most of the funds for these PAC donations will come from Reagan Day Dinner proceeds.

The Committee also recommends additional candidate support by running newspaper ads which will list all Republican candidates and will encourage people to vote. These advertisements would be paid for from the Rhea County Republican Party account and would be scheduled to run before the August and November elections.

A motion was made by Marvin Keener, Sr., and seconded by Bill Bastenbeck to donate $200 to each of the Republican primary winners and to place two half-page color ads, as described above, in the *Herald News* at $488. Motion carried, with candidate Ted Engel abstaining.

Other advertising options include signs, notices on our Facebook page (which can be forwarded to others) and in the newsletter *The Herald News.* Kris Bancroft, publisher of the newsletter, invites candidates to submit material for publication, up to approximately 250 words. There are links to the newsletter on our Facebook and web pages. (The newsletter contains an e-mail address for Kris.) Also candidates may post once a week on our Facebook page.

NEW BUSINESS

August Election Elizabeth Gryder encouraged members to find out who is running for their district for the Rhea County Commission and get to know the candidates. She also brought material from the Election Commission with information such as election schedules and how to register to vote.

Rhea County Fair After discussion, a motion was made by Ted Engel and seconded by Marvin Keener, Sr., to make a $500 donation as a “White Ribbon” level Fair sponsor. Motion carried. Our donation will help the Fair support the

4-H organization. Glen Varner, a Fair committee member, thanked us for supporting the Fair. Another member suggested that we have a booth at the Fair and this will be considered.

Shake the Lake Ted Doss suggested that we have a presence at this July 4th event in Spring City. Doing so could also assist candidates. Planning details were discussed and more information will be obtained.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

County Executive Candidates Elizabeth Gryder announced that candidates are being invited to speak and answer questions from the audience at our June 2nd meeting.

Meet ‘n’ Greet This event for candidates will take place on Saturday, June 18th, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Welcome Center in Dayton. Volunteers are needed.

State Senatorial Candidate Debate The debate for the two remaining candidates, Mark Hall and Adam Lowe, will take place during our July 7th meeting at 7:00 pm at our usual location at the Sheriff’s Training Center. Kris Bancroft is helping to organize the debate, and he announced that those submitting questions for the candidates will need to show proof of residency in this district and proof of voter registration. Elizabeth Gryder will have 3x5 cards at our June meeting for members to use to write down their questions.

Elizabeth Gryder stated that for the same July 7th meeting, if possible, State GOP Executive Committee candidates and County Commission candidates will also be specifically invited so that we may get to know them (but they would not be participating in a debate).

Elizabeth Gryder thanked everyone who brought food to tonight’s meeting. Kris Bancroft thanked everyone who worked on and attended the Reagan Day Dinner, with a special shout-out to Marilyn Engel for her assistance.

Thank-you’s were given for support of their candidacies by:

Cam Cameron, running for Circuit Court Judge

John Stanbery, running for State GOP Executive Committee

Mitchell Jones, running for State GOP Executive Committee

Ted Engel, running for Public Defender

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Judy Bancroft

Secretary