RHEA COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Minutes for Executive Committee Meeting of August 7, 2022

Elizabeth Gryder called the meeting to order at 2:23 pm.

Marvin Keener, Sr., offered prayer.

Minutes Judy Bancroft read the minutes for the June 2, 2022, monthly meeting. A motion was made by Marvin Keener, Sr., and seconded by Joe Gryder to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Judy Bancroft read the minutes for the July 7, 2022, monthly meeting. The word “encourage” was corrected to “encouraged” in the sentence regarding supporting candidates whether they are opposed or unopposed. Also the word “meeting” was added to the announcement of the next Executive Committee (meeting). A motion was made by Joe Gryder and seconded by Marvin Keener, Sr., to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report There was no report given, as Ted Engel had other responsibilities out of town and was unable to attend today’s meeting.

Elections Elizabeth Gryder stated that we will need to send donation checks for $200 each to candidates Ron Travis and Adam Lowe after their winning their primaries on August 2nd.

Recognition/Thank You for Ken Yager An event to honor State Senator Ken Yager for his years of service to our county was discussed and will continue to be explored.

Grundy County Reagan Day Dinner Donation A motion was made by Kris Bancroft and seconded by Joe Gryder to donate $100 for this event, which was held July 22nd. Motion carried. This will also be presented for approval at the RCRP monthly meeting on August 11th.

2023 Rhea County Reagan Day Dinner Elizabeth Gryder asked Joe Gryder, who attended the meeting, to begin a discussion of whether to hold a fundraiser in 2023 and, if so, whether a traditional Reagan Day Dinner, a picnic event, or another activity might be preferable. Kris Bancroft noted the importance of maintaining a presence in the community and expressed his opinion that holding an event was necessary. Joe reported on a number of possible venues he has researched. More thought will be given by all and research continued. Members’ ideas will be solicited at our monthly meeting on August 11th, with the goal of reaching a decision by September.

Fair Booth Plans were discussed for our booth at the upcoming Rhea County Fair. The four Republican candidates for the November election are being invited to help work at the booth and to provide campaign materials for distribution. Member volunteers are being solicited to cover some of the hours the booth will be open. Member Tina Pearce has offered to provide decorations.

Rhea County Republican Party Bylaws Kris Bancroft proposed that our Bylaws be amended to require that any individual wishing to vote at an election of RCRP officers will have attended at least three out of the last six monthly meetings. Kris was asked to write the language for the proposed amendment and present it at the monthly meeting on August 11th.

Guest Speaker Kris Bancroft announced that a Loren Spivack from Massachusetts is scheduled to speak at our monthly meeting on September 1st. Mr. Spivack refers to himself as a “Free Market Warrior.” He provides education on economic literacy and other topics and is the author of several books. Another option to his speaking in person could be to ask if we might show one of his video presentations at the meeting and then possibly invite him to speak in person later at a larger event, to make it more worth his time and travel. Kris will communicate with Mr. Spivack further.

The meeting adjourned at 3:47 pm.

Judy Bancroft

Secretary