RHEA COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Monthly Meeting Minutes for July 7, 2022

Chairman Elizabeth Gryder called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Marvin Keener, Sr., offered prayer and Joe Gryder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

State Senatorial Debate Elizabeth Gryder announced that candidate Mark Hall was unable to be present to participate in the debate that had been scheduled for tonight’s meeting.

PAC Donations Elizabeth Gryder reported that a $200 PAC donation check has been sent to each candidate running as a Republican on the ballot for the General Election. She read thank-you notes from Bradley Sherman, Courtney Lynch and Jane Graham. However, Jane Graham, while thanking us, wrote that she was committed to being self-supporting for her campaign and she returned our check. She did ask that that money be used to promote Republican ideals and encouraged people to vote.

Minutes & Treasurer Report Elizabeth Gryder stated that today’s Treasurer Report and the minutes for the June 2, 2022 monthly meeting are on the table for perusal after the meeting.

August Election Early voting will be July 15-30 at the Election Commission office in Dayton and July 18-23 in Spring City.

There was discussion about verification of citizenship at the polls, especially when reciprocity is involved from a state which provides ID cards to illegals.

State Senatorial Race In lieu of the debate, candidate Adam Lowe was invited to address the group. He shared some of his personal values and spoke about several legislative issues and the goals he has for addressing them. He also spoke about financial issues affecting business, infrastructure and government.

Other Races All candidates for other offices were given the opportunity to speak. Candidates speaking were as follows:

State GOP Executive Committee: Emily Beaty, Mitchell Jones, and John Stanbery

Public Defender: Ted Engel

County Executive**:** Jim Vincent

County Commission: Phillip Dunn, Bill Hollin, and Lealan McSpadden

School Board: John Mincy

State House of Representatives: Joe Gryder conveyed a message that Ron Travis was in Nashville and therefore unable to attend tonight’s meeting.

Elizabeth Gryder reviewed the August ballot at the meeting and encourage us to support the candidates, whether they are opposed or unopposed.

Judges on the ballot for retention or replacement may be unfamiliar to many. A member reported that most of those judges were appointed by Governor Lee or former Governor Haslam.

Joe Gryder Honored Member Charles Riggs presented Joe Gryder with a Challenge Coin from Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Hammond, expressing appreciation for Joe’s 33 years of service as a police officer with the Los Angeles Police Department. Mr. Gryder is to be congratulated!

Strategic Petroleum Reserves Kris Bancroft expressed concern that President Biden has sent one-million barrels of oil to China from our Strategic Petroleum Reserves (done through a circuitous route). Kris encouraged us to write to our elected representatives in Washington, D. C., to convey our thoughts.

Introduction of Guest John Stanberry introduced Mr. Steve Crump, District Attorney from the 10th Judicial District, which includes Bradley County.

August Meetings In view of the election being scheduled for the first Thursday in August, there was a motion by Ted Engel, seconded by Joe Gryder, to hold our monthly meeting on the second Thursday, August 11th. Motion carried.

Elizabeth Gryder announced that the next Executive Committee will be Sunday, August 7th, at 2:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Judy Bancroft

Secretary