RHEA COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Minutes for Monthly Meeting August 11, 2022

Chairman Elizabeth Gryder called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

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

Minutes Minutes for the July monthly meeting are available on the table tonight and on our website.

Treasurer’s Report Ted Engel provided the report by e-mail, as he was attending required orientation in Nashville for his new position as Public Defender. The report was read aloud; the beginning balance was $13,143.96 and ending balance $13,145.57. A motion was made by Joe Gryder and seconded by Charles Riggs to accept the report as read. Motion carried.

PAC Marvin Keener, Jr., reported that the PAC balance was $4799 and the balance will be $4199 after the last three outstanding checks clear. He reported that candidate Justin Angel returned his campaign donation check, as he was unopposed in his race. Elizabeth Gryder read thank-you cards from Dennis Akin, Missy Willis and John Cameron for their donations.

OLD BUSINESS

Rhea County Fair Elizabeth Gryder reported on plans for our booth at the Fair for this coming week-end. Tina Pearce is providing most of the decorations and has set up the booth. Thank you, Tina! The four candidates running in the November election were being asked to donate an hour’s time to help staff the booth. Members were also asked to help at the booth. Campaign material for the candidates and information about who is running will be provided to Fair attendees.

Chamber of Commerce Dues A motion was made by Marvin Keener, Sr., and seconded by Joe Gryder to pay $75 to the Dayton Chamber of Commerce and $75 to the Spring City Chamber of Commerce for dues. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

2023 Reagan Day Dinner Joe Gryder asked members to think about whether we want to do a fundraiser in 2023 and, if so, what kind and where? He shared information he has gathered about possible venues. Discussion and suggestions from members are welcomed, including ideas for possible venue sites and if they are available. Our fundraiser is usually held on one of the first two to three week-ends of April. We need to make some decisions by September.

Grundy County Reagan Day Dinner Donation A motion was made by Kris Bancroft and seconded by Joe Gryder to make a $100 donation for the dinner which was held July 16th. Motion carried.

Van Buren County Dinner Donation Kris Bancroft reported that the Van Buren County Republican Party will be holding their Deplorables Dinner fundraiser on September 17th. A motion was made by Joe Gryder and seconded by Charles Riggs to buy a table for six at $200. Motion carried. Anyone interested in attending should contact Elizabeth Gryder.

Proposed Bylaws Changes Kris Bancroft read two proposed amendments to our Bylaws, as previously discussed with Executive Committee members:

To Article III Elections of Officers, Section 2. c) would be added: “Members who wish to vote in the election of officers, as well as on other regular business conducted by the RCRP, shall be Members in good standing *and* shall have attended at least three of the previous six regular meetings of the RCRP.”

Article V would have added to it Section 5. “The Executive Committee are elected representatives of the RCRP and, as such, shall maintain decorum appropriate to those functions they may attend as official representatives of the RCRP.”

A discussion followed and a motion was made by Marvin Keener, Sr., and seconded by Charles Riggs to look at the language regarding membership in the revised State Bylaws and rewrite the amendments to our Bylaws as needed. This information would be shared at the September monthly meeting and voted on at the October monthly meeting. Motion carried. Attendees were reminded to sign the Attendance Record when attending a meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Speaker at September Meeting Kris Bancroft announced that Loren Spivack, a renowned author and lecturer, will speak for about 45 minutes at our September 1st monthly meeting. Mr. Spivack refers to himself as a Free Market Warrior. Members were encouraged to attend and to bring a friend.

Ken Yager Appreciation Elizabeth Gryder announced that she and Joe Gryder were approached by Republicans and Democrats about honoring State Senator Ken Yager for his 14 years of service to all citizens of our District.

The Gryders plan to host an event, probably in September or October, to honor Mr. Yager, who will no longer be representing us due to redistricting. The event will likely be a (non-alcoholic) cocktail party and will probably be catered. Anyone interested in contributing to this event should contact the Gryders. Advertising was discussed. More information will be provided as it is available.

Fall Golf Classic Elizabeth Gryder announced that the Dayton Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a golf tournament at the Dayton Golf & Country Club on October 5th to benefit the Distinguished Young Woman scholarship program.

HR 5376 Kris Bancroft reported that if this bill, the Inflation Reduction Act, is passed, that 87,000 new agents will be hired by the Internal Revenue Service. As the IRS has a proclivity for targeting conservative groups, Kris encouraged members to contact their congressman and others about the bill.

Amendments on November Ballot John Stanbery shared that there will be four State Constitutional Amendments on the ballot in November, including one having to do with the right to work.

August Election The winners in the August 4th election were congratulated and they expressed thanks for the support they received.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Judy Bancroft

Secretary