Rhea County Republican Party

Minutes for Monthly Meeting of September 1, 2022

Vice-Chairman Kris Bancroft called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Marvin Keener offered prayer and Kris Bancroft led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer Report Our Treasurer (and newly-elected Public Defender) Ted Engel gave the report. Charles Riggs made a motion with a second by Keith Flatness to accept the report as read. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS by Kris Bancroft:

Chairman Elizabeth Gryder was unable to be present at tonight’s meeting due to illness.

Campaign Materials and Signs are available on the back table.

Party Reorganization will occur in February 2023. The plan is to have a nominating committee in place by the end of September. Nominees for offices will be announced.

Committees Hopefully, several committees can be formed before the end of the year, as follows:

Bylaws Review & Modification

Youth Mentoring

Community Outreach & Representation

Education Programs for Members

Reagan Day Dinner.

Members were asked to consider volunteering for the committees.

Minutes Copies of the August Executive Committee and August monthly meeting minutes are on the table, available for review, and also are posted at our website.

*The Rhea County Republican* publication is available at the RCRP webpage and Facebook room. The number of readers is now over 4700 in five countries.

OLD BUSINESS

County Fair Kris Bancroft reported that the RCRP was well represented at the Fair; those who worked the booth greeted hundreds of attendees. Member Tina Pearce was honored with the presentation of a certificate of appreciation for her many hours spent decorating the booth (and with items she paid for herself). Thank you, Tina!

Bylaws Kris Bancroft read the proposed changes to our Bylaws which will be voted on at our October meeting:

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.”

Ted Engel thanked members for the opportunity to serve as the newly-elected Public Defender.

Adam Lowe expressed thanks for his nomination as the Republican running for State Senate. He encouraged voter turn-out in November to reinforce Rhea County as being a “red” county.

NEW BUSINESS

Spring City Chamber of Commerce Banquet Kris Bancroft announced that the Spring City Chamber of Commerce is holding their annual banquet on Tuesday, September 27th. A motion was made by Marvin Keener, Sr., and seconded by Charles Riggs to buy a table for six at $125. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Kris Bancroft announced that our next meeting will be held October 6th at 7:00 pm at the Sheriff’s Training Center. At that time, we will discuss the proposed changes to the Bylaws and vote on them.

Guest Speaker Loren Spivack was introduced as our guest speaker. Mr. Spivack is from Massachusetts and is a noted author and lecturer. He is a champion of Free Market Economics and conducts seminars on economic literacy.

Mr. Spivack spoke about capitalism, environmentalism and misconceptions about overpopulation. He also talked about advantages the human species has over other species, such as the ability for innovation and the sharing of knowledge. He feels that God’s greatest gift to us is each other, and we are able to help one another rather than always competing as other species do.

His books were available for purchase after the meeting. His website is [https://www.fmwarrior.com](https://www.fmwarrior.com/).

The meeting then adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Judy Bancroft

Secretary

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