RHEA COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Monthly Meeting Minutes for October 6, 2022

Vice-Chairman Kris Bancroft called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed new and old attendees. Marvin Keener, Sr., offered prayer and Tom Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

Ken Yager Appreciation Event Kris Bancroft reported that Ken Yager sponsored an event on September 20th at the Welcome Center to express appreciation to his constituents for allowing him to serve as their State Senator. He will no longer be representing Rhea County due to Redistricting. Several RCRP members attended and Rhea County citizens expressed their thanks for Senator Yager’s service.

Spring City Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet Kris Bancroft reported that approximately 160 people attended the banquet held on September 27th and that the organization is very active and has good ideas.

Rhea County Commission Meetings Kris Bancroft reported that he has begun attending such meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer Report Assistant Treasurer Marvin Keener, Sr., reported that Ted Engel was unable to be present tonight due to a family work-schedule emergency. He will provide the report to the Executive Committee members.

PAC Treasurer Report Marvin Keener, Jr., reported that the ending bank balance is $4599.00. Required reports to the State are now being done online.

Meeting Minutes Minutes for the Monthly Meeting of September 1st and for the Executive Committee meeting of September 18th are available at the table for review after the meeting and have been posted on our website.

Proposed Bylaws Changes Kris Bancroft announced that the proposed changes need to be put on hold until our November meeting or until the State Executive Committee provides a definitive answer as to why we are not allowed the autonomy to amend our Bylaws when we deem necessary. (See the 10th Amendment to the Constitution.) Also, there are possible additional changes that also need to be considered. A Bylaws committee will need to be formed.

Nominating Committee Members of the Nominating Committee were announced: Marvin Keener, Sr., Chairman; Bonnie Doss; Teresa Hulgan; Charles Riggs and Donna Taylor. Members interested in serving as an officer should make the Committee aware. A notice will be placed in *The Herald News* in the January 27th edition announcing the February Reorganization.

Materials for Attendees Kris Bancroft announced that campaign materials for Republican candidates are available on the table. Also, pocket Constitutions are available and attendees were encouraged to give them to young people.

NEW BUSINESS

Resignation of Chairman Elizabeth Gryder A letter from Elizabeth Gryder was read by Kris Bancroft in which she announced her resignation due to health reasons. A motion was made by Ted Doss and seconded by Bill Bastenbeck to accept Ms. Gryder’s resignation. The motion carried. She is thanked for her service and will be missed.

Election of New Chairman A motion was made by Marvin Keener, Sr., and seconded by Charles Riggs that Vice-Chairman Kris Bancroft become Chairman. Motion carried.

Election of New Vice-Chairman Marvin Keener, Sr., announced that the Nominating Committee nominates Charles Riggs for Vice-Chairman. A motion was made accordingly by Marvin Keener, Sr., and seconded by Mark Cashman. The motion carried.

Prizes Tina Pearce gave MAGA hats as prizes to attendees who were able to correctly answer historical political questions.

New Position for Bonnie Doss Bonnie Doss was congratulated on her recent appointment as Rhea County Clerk & Master.

How RCRP Donates to Political Candidates Kris Bancroft presented a topic discussed at the last Executive Committee meeting, that of considering helping Republican candidates by using media ads and mailers rather than making monetary donations to each candidate. A discussion of pro’s and con’s ensued.

A motion was made by Bill Bastenbeck and seconded by Charles Riggs to place two ads in *The Herald News* promoting voting for all Republican candidates in the November 8th General Election. Each candidate’s name and office sought would be listed, as well as our web address. Each ad would cost $185 for ¼ page, with the first ad appearing before Early Voting and the second before the General Election. The possibility of a sticker ad on the front of the newspaper instead will also be investigated and the decision whether to use stickers or traditional newspaper ads will be left up to the Executive Committee. The motion carried.

Political Candidates and Meeting Attendance Kris Bancroft stated that it is appreciated when candidates continue to attend RCRP meetings after the election is over. However, time and resources may be limited for those elected, and those individuals serve a non-partisan consituency. Also, judges may legally be politically active only during the election year.

Team Members Needed Kris Bancroft stated that, like any organization, we need to have a function and purpose; we need to advance the Conservative cause. He sees many opportunities for members to play an active role in the Party in the coming years.

Team members are needed for Event Planning, General Outreach, Youth Outreach, Media, Decoration, Hospitality, Mentoring and Bylaws. Members were asked to write their ideas on the provided 3x5 cards and to give thought as to which committees they might be interested in serving on.

Amendments to the State Constitution Judy Bancroft reviewed the four proposed amendments to the State Constitution up for vote on November 8th.

Storage Area Ted Doss reported on issues involving our storage unit and measures taken, and Kris Bancroft noted that Ted and Bonnie Doss have done a thorough inventory and inspection and taken multiple photos. Torn insulation, humidity and vermin continue to be a problem in spite of various interventions.

Down-sizing and moving to another unit or facility can be considered. A climate-controlled facility would be expensive. A motion was made by Marvin Keener, Sr., and seconded by Donna Taylor to recommend forming a committee to assist Ted and Bonnie Doss in downsizing our items in storage. Motion carried.

OPEN-FLOOR COMMENTS

County Commission Agenda County Commissioner Mark Cashman stated that he is promoting the live-streaming of County Commission meetings and plans to introduce this on the agenda for their November 8th meeting. He requests that RCRP members who support live-streaming attend that meeting.

National Republican Party Convention for 2024 John Stanbery reported that Nashville declined to host the event.

Hispanic Voters Tina Pearce spoke of ideas to promote conservatism among Hispanic citizens.

Kris Bancroft announced that our next meeting will be November 3rd. An Executive Committee meeting for October will be scheduled.

A motion was made by Bill Bastenbeck and seconded by Bob Nordyke to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Judy Bancroft, Secretary