RHEA COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for December 18, 2022

Chairman Kris Bancroft began the meeting at 2:15 pm.

Thank You From Joe Gryder A card from Joe Gryder was read, thanking the Rhea County Republican Party for their donation to the Delta Zeta Sorority Scholarship Fund in memory of Elizabeth Gryder.

Minutes Minutes were approved for the Executive Committee meeting of November 20. Those for the Monthly Meeting of December 1 were approved with the correction of the balance in the PAC account.

Committees Kris Bancroft suggested that we can prioritize which committees to start. Some can only happen when we grow the membership.

Reagan Day Dinner (RDD)

WHY SHOULD WE HOST A RDD NEXT YEAR? An annual event, especially if held the same time each year, engrains the RCRP’s presence in the community. It is a major social event. Events are how we raise funds. We could hold a second event later in the year.

EVENTS ARE COMPLEX – THEY MUST BE A TEAM EFFORT

* TICKET SALES – A Coordinator is being sought. We have the names of ticket buyers from last year.
* SILENT AUCTION TEAM – Kris Bancroft has offered to be the “Auction Item Acquisition Solicitor” and Marvin Keener, Sr., is available to help, also. The hall at the High School could be used for Silent Auction tables. A Live Auction was discussed; it has the potential for raising more money but can be time-consuming and chaotic.
* A/V OPERATOR – Brad Denton at the High School has offered his services again this year. Could show short messages from politicians (including local politicians) on the screen during the meal.
* DECORATING TEAM
* EMCEE
* HOSPITALITY TEAM – Includes all RCRP members to ensure guests’ needs are met.
* RECEPTION DESK TEAM, INCLUDING USHERS – Charles Riggs has volunteered to be one of the greeters. We could ask some young Republicans to assist.
* BOOTH ASSIGNMENT TEAM – For politicians and vendors?
* TABLE ASSIGNMENT TEAM – Process for assignment of seating and placement of head table were discussed.
* DESSERT TEAM – Need to improve signage to let people know that donations are expected.
* VISUAL ARTS TEAM (Signage)
* CHORAL PERFORMANCE OF NATIONAL ANTHEM – Marvin Keener, Sr., is going to check with a quartet he is acquainted with.
* PROGRAM DESIGNER & DIRECTOR
* SPEAKER SOLICITATION – Possibilities for speakers were discussed. Have not heard back from anyone yet.
* DOOR PRIZE COORDINATOR
* CLEAN-UP AND BREAK-DOWN TEAM
* PROGRAM COORDINATOR – Each component of an event MUST be planned down to the last minute.
* CATERING – Evelyn Hawkins has agreed to cater the event again this year. Need to provide coffee, perhaps have two food lines, and a sign indicating to select ONE type of meat.

VOTE – After discussion of the above, the Committee voted to pursue planning a Reagan Day Dinner for 2023. The involvement of everyone will be needed to make this happen.

DATE FOR RDD – The dates of March 25, April 1 and April 15 are available at the High School. A motion was made by Ted Engel and seconded by Kris Bancroft to choose April 15, and the motion carried.

Second Major Event It was decided to pursue holding a second event, which would be in the early fall, rather than summer, because of weather considerations. It would be a Constitution Day event, and Kris Bancroft will contact the 9/17 Society for a possible speaker. The event would probably be held at the Fairgrounds.

Nominating Committee Update Marvin Keener, Sr., reported on the ongoing work of the Committee.

Stationery A letterhead design was selected. It was suggested that a QR code be included on business cards for ready access to our website.

Banner An expandable, pop-up, portable design, about $100, was discussed.

Credentialing and Ballot Design Charles Riggs reported that he has obtained a list of Republican voters for use to determine eligibility for our Reorganization in February. He can also print the ballots when the nominees chosen by the Nominating Committee are finalized, using the design used by the County Election Commission. As far as the credentialling process goes, Ted Engel reported that we just need to know who can run for office and who can vote.

Presentation of Donation Check to Sheriff Our check for $500 to support the Sheriff’s Christmas Toy Drive will be presented on December 20th and a photo will be provided to *The Herald News*.

Constitutional Amendments Presentations Ted Engel is preparing a series of presentations on the Amendments to the Constitution, as well as a larger perspective on the Constitution’s structure, concepts, how the courts interpret it, and due process and protections.

Donation Requests From Charitable Organizations As the RCRP is a political organization and its focus is to advance the Republican cause, other options than direction donations were discussed, such as “passing the hat” at a meeting or inviting an organization to make a five-minute presentation to our members at one of our meetings.

Outreach Programs Kris Bancroft suggested providing snacks/treats to first responders. Merita Keener suggested an essay contest (with prize) for young people to encourage their civic involvement and development of good values. One idea for a topic is “ Why are the Police Our Friends?”

Ideas for Increasing RCRP Meeting Attendance Suggestions included shorter meetings, avoiding Thursday because of sports events during the school year, topical presentations, and continuing to provide food. Another idea was to meet less often during a non-election year, especially since the Executive Committee takes care of a lot of the Party business.

Frequency of Monthly Meetings Concern was expressed that if our meetings are not held on a regular, monthly basis, that people may forget to come and new people may show up when there is no meeting. It was decided to continue meeting monthly for the coming year.

Frequency of Executive Committee Meetings It was decided, for the coming year, to meet monthly until the Reagan Day Dinner and then every other month. Zoom meetings may be an option at times, especially for urgent matters.

Responding to E-mails Kris Bancroft asked that, when responding to e-mails to the Executive Committee, to please copy all recipients.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Judy Bancroft

Secretary