

## Minutes from the First District Republican Meeting on 12/1/10

Sean Shamany called the meeting to order at 7:10, which was followed by a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance.

### Minutes

A motion was made to dispense and approve of the minutes from the previous meeting by Frank Polidora and seconded by Dominic Cusatis. The vote was unanimous.

### Treasurers Report

Rick Morelli presented the Treasurers Report. The beginning balance in our checking account was \$2,204.56. Contributions from the Red Party Bash were \$3,750.00 Expenses were \$200.00 for banners from Mozip Graphics, \$1,913.41 for catering – Mea's Restaurant, ACH payments of \$17.95 for our web site in October and November, \$299.91 reimbursement to Sean Shamany for our election ad in the Standard Speaker, and \$95.40 to Mozip Graphics for election handout cards. Outstanding expenses of \$17.95 for our web site hosting for December 2010 along with an additional outstanding contribution of \$75.00 from Tony Bonomo were noted. The ending balance on the report was \$3,409.94.

A motion was made to accept the report by Cathy Tombasco and seconded by Frances Petrovich. The vote was unanimous.

### District Chairman Report

Sean Shamany noted the strong attendance for the celebration party in honor of Lou Barletta and Tom Marino. It was noted that the executive committee has some concerns of Republican committee members supporting Democrats in local elections. Sean spoke of the possibility of a chartered bus trip for the searing in ceremonies for both Tarah Toohil and Lou Barletta – more details will follow via email updates. Some other items discussed at the executive level were a possible Lincoln Day Dinner with a guest speaker and the importance of supporting club GOP at a local level.

### Committee Report

A vote was taken to accept the tentative fundraising dates for 2011.

2/27/11 – Winter Breakfast

6/12/11 – Pig Roast

10/1/11 – Red Party Bash

A motion was made to approve the dates by Frank Polidora and seconded by Frances Petrovich. The vote was unanimous.

Frances Petrovich noted that we should reach out to Altmiller's Grove as that tends to get booked fast with summer weddings.

### Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

### New Business

Rick Morelli offered a discussion on how we as a local party can reach out to minority groups. Cathy Tombasco suggested an outreach program similar to one that works in the school district. Mike Cabell and Kathy Dobash offered their thoughts on how to be successful and reach the right people. Frank Polidora offered his thoughts on what he sees in his local medical practice. He stated that immigrants want to know that they are being treated equally and then they begin to trust you. Mike Cabell and Joe Jevitt stated that it is a socio-economic problem and suggested we can advertise in the local Spanish newspaper and standard speaker. It was noted by both Ron Radtke and Frank Polidora that we do not want to just reach out to anyone, but instead minorities who share our conservative values and objectives.

An outreach committee was suggested and Frank Polidora, Mike Cabell, Janet Jaken, Ray Harker and Cathy Tombasco volunteered to sit on the committee.

The upcoming municipal elections were briefly discussed. Rick Morelli, Mike Cabell and Kathy Dobash were all present and stated that they are going to run for the Luzerne County council. Sean Shamany also noted that Attorney Dick Hughes will be running for Judge and Rocco Formica will be running for Hazleton Area School Board.

It was discussed that the website has been updated and all members should review the new site to offer any suggestions or changes.

Dominic Cusatis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rick Morelli, the vote was unanimous.