

Minutes from the First District Republican Meeting on 8/25/2010

Sean Shamany called the meeting to order at 7:08, 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 May 26th meeting by Rocco Formica and seconded by Bob Vaber. The vote was unanimous.

There were no minutes from the meeting scheduled for June as there were not enough members present to form a quorum.

Treasurers Report

Sean Shamany presented the Treasurers Report in the absence of Rick Morelli. Expenses were noted as \$65.00 for the booth registration fee at Funfest, the booth will be used for a voter registration drive. There was an expense of \$900.00 to Pigs R Us for the Pig Roast in August. The Pig Roast took in \$1,505.00. The account balance to date is \$4331.30. There are no outstanding bills at this time.

Comments on the Treasurers Report

- Rocco Formica commented on making the Pig Roast an annual event
- The Pig Roast was well attended, 66 attendees
- Special thanks to Charlie Altmiller, allowing us to use the grove
- There was a motion to recognize Charlie Altmiller by Bob Vaber, seconded by Rocco Formica, and the vote was unanimous

District Chairman Report

The GOP Summer Picnic was held in Dallas, PA
It was mentioned that we are going to try and get the district to come down and have the picnic at Charlie Altmiller's grove next year

On Thursday Oct. 21st there will be a GOP rally in Wilkes Barre, at either Genetti's or the Ramada in the evening and cost will be \$10-\$15 per person

The GOP is trying to get Sarah Palin at Mohegan Sun and volunteers will be needed
Club GOP members may have some time to meet Sarah as well

The Lincoln Day Dinner will be held in February and Michael Reagan will be the speaker

Home Rule Charter is on the agenda, Walter Griffith, Mayor Haggarty, and Rick Morelli presented information to the committee, the committee will not take a formal position

There was a discussion about the home rule charter as to how voting for it is going to occur

Everyone is encouraged to check out their website. Sean will send everyone an email about it.

Committee Reports

There is going to be an TV ad as we did last election.

It was discussed and we are going to try to get everyday people to tell us why they are voting republican. If anyone would know someone that would be willing to be in the commercial they should let Tiffany Cloud know.

It was discussed whether we should run it on news stations, Sam Lesante show, ESPN, etc.

The approval for going ahead with the ad and the amount of money to spend will have to be done via email.

It was discussed that we should think about having a budget of around \$2,000.00 for the commercial. Tiffany will find out how much it will actually cost and let us know.

Tiffany Cloud made a motion to explore the commercial, with the production and distribution of the commercial at a cost of \$2,000.00. The motion was seconded by Rocco Formica and the vote was unanimous.

New Business

Funfest Voter Registration Booth and to Promote absentee ballots for 9/12. There is a need for volunteers to needed to man the booth.

The booth needs to be set up prior to noon and has to be torn down at approx. 9 PM.

Keith Bast volunteered to bring a canopy to Funfest and to design a sign for the voter registration drive

Red Party Bash

We will have it at Mea's

The menu and pricing will be coming

Oct. 16th is a date we are seriously considering

Keith Bast motioned to set this as the date of the Red Party Bash, Tiffany Cloud seconded and the vote was unanimous

Keith Bast, Sean Shamany, and Rocco Formica will be on the committee to plan the event

It was discussed that we really need to get people to attend this event, so any help will be appreciated.

Tom Lombardo mentioned about getting someone to play music at the Bash

There was a spirited discussion about slate cards in the first district, and if we should get them printed as to whom the First District Republican Party of Luzerne County officially endorses. Sean Shamany made a motion to buy slate cards, Ray Harker seconded the motion, all in attendance voted for slate cards except for Bob Vaber who voted no

It was mentioned that anyone who wanted to be a poll worker should contact Sean Shamany or Lance, who is Lou's campaign manager.

If anyone wants to man the phones at Lou's headquarters after 5:30 for Tarah Toohil and Lou, let Tara or Lou know.

Tarah Toohil will be at Booty's Restaurant at 1 PM Sept. 15th, and there will be a Sock Hop at Knotty Pines for \$35.00 per person at 6:30 Sept. 22nd

It was mentioned that if anyone wanted to help Tarah out knocking on doors in Freeland on 8/28 to be at Nocchi's Pharmacy at 1 PM

Rocco Formica made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tiffany Cloud, the vote was unanimous.