

## Minutes from the First District Republican Meeting on 3/30/2011

Rocco Formica called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence. Ron Radke then led the group in prayer.

Rocco Formica informed the group that our next meeting date will be cancelled in lieu of our meet the candidate night Tuesday, April 26th, 6:30 PM at the Hazleton Elks Lodge. He also let everyone know they are welcome to attend his meet and greet, which will be held on April 18th at Booty's. Admission for both events is free.

### Minutes

A motion was made to dispense and approve of the minutes from the previous meeting by Rocco Formica and seconded by Bob Vaber, the vote was unanimous.

### Treasurer's Report

Sean Shamany presented the Treasurer's report in the absence of Treasurer Rick Morelli. The beginning balance in our checking account was \$5,046.45. A contribution of \$20.00 was given by Tiffany Cloud. Expenses were \$194.76 to the Standard Speaker for advertising for the winter breakfast, and \$17.95 to Network Solutions for the First District Website in March. There was an outstanding expense of \$60.00 to Mozip Graphics for the placards at the winter breakfast. The ending balance on the account was \$4,853.74.

A motion was made by Rocco Formica to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay all outstanding expenses, seconded by Frances Petrovich, the vote was unanimous.

### District Chairman Report

Sean Shamany noted that the Spring dinner would be moved again, he didn't know when it will be or who the guest speaker will be.

There is also an opening for for the Executive Director position for the Luzerne County Republican Party, resumes should be forwarded to Sean Shamany or Terry Casey.

### Committee Report

Outreach Committee - Their purpose will be to educate the public on conservative principles. They have a strategy of "6 Big Ideas" to inform the public about.

Ron Radtke noted that members of the committee as well as candidates and politicians the Committee is supporting need to show a heartfelt conviction to our "Core Values".

It was brought up that we need to develop a questionnaire for candidates, grade the candidates, publish how the candidates vote, and that members of our committee need to start writing letters to the editor in the Standard Speaker and Times Leader.

It was also brought up that we should mail our core values statement out to candidates before the election and state them at our meet the candidate night. Also that we should think about having all candidates sign a statement that they support those values.

### Old Business

None

### New Business

Meet the candidate night will be 6:30, April 26th at the Hazleton Elks Lodge  
An ad hoc committee was formed to discuss food and beverages to be served at the meet the candidate night, the committee members were Keith Bast, Rocco Formica, Dr. Polidora, and Cathy Tombasco.

The structure of the meet the candidate night will be to introduce the candidates and then open up the floor. There will be too many candidates there to let everyone come up to the microphone.

Tiffany Cloud will be having a new show titled "Storm Politics" on WYLN, it is not known yet when it will run but it will be a half hour show.

Harry Haas, a candidate for Luzerne County Council asked to talk about why he is running, he was given time to address the committee.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 25th at 7 PM.

Rocco Formica made a motion to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Keith Bast, the vote was unanimous.