

Minutes First District Republican Committee meeting 12/2/09

In attendance: voting committee members: Sean Shamany, Tiffany Cloud, Keith Bast, Dominic Cusatis, Karin Cabell, Michele Notaro, Kathy Dobash

Non voting members: Ron Radtke, Thomas Lombardo, Bruce Zellner, Thomas Fuccila, Tom Plaza, Donna Barna, Bradley Coolbaugh, Alicia Bethel

Excused: Rick Morelli, Rocco Formica, Cathy Tombasco,

Absent: Bob Vaber, Alice Coffman

The meeting was called to order with a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance at 7:10pm

A sign in sheet was passed around for all members attending to sign in for the record.

Minutes

A motion was made by Keith Bast and seconded by Dominic Cusatis to dispense of reading the minutes and accept them as presented.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented in the absence of Finance Chair Rick Morelli. The beginning balance was \$5,919.78. Additional contributions from the Red Party event totaled \$200.00. Expenses were Valley Country Club-catering \$3,446.50, Committee to elect Walter Griffith-donation \$50.00, Sean Shamany-reimbursement for network solutions bill \$101.93. The ending balance was \$2,521.35. However, there was an additional outstanding expense of \$35.90 to Sean Shamany for Nov & Dec 2009 reimbursement of network solutions bill related to the website.

Kathy Dobash made a motion to accept the report and Keith Bast offered a second to the motion.

District Chairman Report

Tiffany Cloud presented an update of district events including Young Republicans of Luzerne County, Luzerne County Council of Republican Women. Keith Bast noted his involvement in the young Republicans and encouraged anyone less than 40 years of age to join the group, which meets the second Monday of every month. Kathy Dobash also spoke on her new role in the Council of Republican Women.

Tiffany also encouraged everyone who has not had a chance to join the Club GOP to do so and explained the benefits of being a member.

Committee Reports

Sean Shamany welcomed new committee members, Wendi Medashefski (absent) Freeland 1, Michele Notaro Hazle Twp 2, and Keith Bast from Hazleton ward 7.

Old Business

Chairman Shamany noted the changes to our first district website and encouraged all attendees to visit the website and share their comments. Some upcoming additions will include links for meeting dates, meeting minutes, by-laws, donations etc.

Ron Radtke had suggested that we as a committee work on a list of core values in order to reach out to new groups that we feel would support the Republican candidates in upcoming elections. Ron brought back some comments on what it means to be a Republican including:

I believe in the pro-life, pro family ideal

I believe that politics needs to be accountable to its stated core values

I believe that our elected officials need to be authentic and accountable

I believe that the Judeo Christian values that guided the founding of this nation need to guide the future.

Chairman Shamany encouraged all attendees to take these proposals home and work on establishing a final list of principals.

New Business

Tiffany Cloud introduced the idea of a winter breakfast to benefit the First District and include Lou Barletta as our guest speaker.

Chairman Shamany introduced a proposal of meeting dates for 2010. All attendees agreed with the dates and they will be posted on the district web site.

Chairman Shamany also indicated the importance of budgeting for 2010 in order for us to be more productive in getting our message out to the public.

With there being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Karin Cabell and seconded by Kathy Dobash.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Cabell
Secretary