

Minutes First District Republican Committee meeting 6/3/09

In attendance: Sean Shamany, Ray Harker, Dominic Cusatis, Kathy Dobash, Rocco Formica, Rick Morelli, Bob Vaber, Cathy Tombasco, Carol Zielinski

Excused: Karin Cabell, Tiffany Cloud

The meeting was called to order with a moment of silence at 7:05pm by Chairman Shamany. Chairman Shamany discussed having a flag present at the next meeting so that the Pledge of Alliance can be recited.

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

Since there were no formal minutes, Chairman Shamany provided an overview of the April meeting.

Chairman Shamany expressed praise and thanks to all members who helped make the 1<sup>st</sup> meet the candidate night a huge success in April. Those in attendance made many compliments for the great effort and turnout. Overall approximately 110 people attended the event, with 25 of those in attendance being candidates for elected office.

Chairman Shamany announced the executive committee for the First District being composed of him and the following committee members:

Vice Chairman: Rocco Formica

Treasurer: Rick Morelli

Secretary: Karin Cabell

Treasurer Rick Morelli presented the financial report from April 28 through June 3<sup>rd</sup>. He indicated that a checking account was established at KNBT bank. Contributions to the account were \$1,740.00, while expenses to date were \$496.00, leaving a balance of \$1,244.00.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Bob Vaber and seconded by Rocco Formica with all attendees in unanimous support.

Chairman Shamany also announced that he has a pledge of \$300.00 that he is waiting for to offset the original catering expense of \$496.00.

Chairman Shamany gave a brief overview of his district meeting in Wilkes Barre. He indicated that a Republican unity rally was held in Wilkes Barre and attended by himself and Rocco Formica. The emphasis of the county is to help Dick Hughes and all county Republican candidates in their effort for success in November. Dick Hughes realizes the disadvantage Republicans face in Luzerne County but he is up to the challenge. A brief discussion was held regarding a possible fundraiser for Dick Hughes and county Republicans in the Hazleton area before the November election.

In the future, the county chairman Terry Casey and director Renita Fennick would like to attend one of our First District meetings, in order to introduce themselves and explain the goals of the Republican Party in Luzerne County.

Chairman Shamany presented the new By-laws discussed and reviewed in past meetings. One minor change to the quorum section of the document was made to include volunteers. A motion to accept the By-laws as presented was made by Rocco Formica and seconded by Ray Harker with all members in unanimous support.

There were no committee reports presented since no committees have been established. Chairman Shamany passed out survey papers for all those in attendance to decide what committees they prefer to work on in the future.

Chairman Shamany introduced an idea by Tiffany Cloud for a black tie optional gala to possibly be held in September raising funds for the First District Republican Party. All those in attendance were very interested in the idea and look forward to hearing more info from Tiffany and the fundraising committee.

With there being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Bob Vaber, seconded by Rocco Formica and unanimously supported by all attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Cabell, Secretary