

Minutes First District Republican Committee meeting 10/28/09

In attendance: Sean Shamany, Ray Harker, Alice Coffman, Tiffany Cloud, Chris Reimiller, Harry Evans, Ron Radtke, Keith Bast, Nancy Smith, David Milore, Dominic Cusatis, Karin Cabell, Jim Perry, Thomas Lombardo, Michele Notaro

Excused: Rick Morelli, Rocco Formica, Cathy Tombasco, Kathy Dobash

Absent: Bob Vaber

The meeting was called to order with a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance at 7:08pm

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

Minutes

A motion was made by Alice Coffman and seconded by Keith Bast 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 \$2,884.78. Additional contributions from the Red Party event totaled \$3,835.00 to date. There was one expense paid to Sam Son Productions in the amount of \$800.00 for political advertising. The ending balance was \$5,919.78.

However, there are outstanding expenses totaling \$3,548.43, including a payment to the Valley Country Club for catering of \$3,446.50 and \$101.93 to Sean Shamany for reimbursement of network solutions bill related to the website.

Tiffany Cloud made a motion to accept the report and Tom Lombardo offered a second to the motion.

District Chairman Report

Chairman Shamany spoke about the upcoming election and how important it will be for Republicans. He asked for volunteers to work on Election Day at specific polls that have been targeted by Luzerne County GOP.

A motion was presented to donate \$50.00 to the Committee to elect Walter Griffith as he was the only candidate who solicited funding from the 1st district. Karin Cabell made the motion and was seconded by Tiffany cloud. The motion passed 6-2.

Sean Shamany – Y Alice Coffman – N

Keith Bast – Y Ray Harker – N

Dominic Cusatis – Y

Tiffany Cloud – Y

Karin Cabell – Y

Michele Notaro – Y

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

Tiffany Cloud thanked everyone who made the Red Party a success and looks forward to improving attendance next year.

Tiffany Cloud urged everyone to “bullet vote” Dick Hughes for Judge as he is the only endorsed GOP candidate. She explained that bullet voting would be to only vote for one candidate in the race.

There was much enthusiasm over the 1st district commercial and Chris Reinmiller suggested that we place the commercial on youtube for further exposure. He also suggested that we place it on our web page.

New Business

Chairman Shamany mentioned that he will be conducting some door to door walks prior to Election Day and there are openings for volunteers.

Chairman Shamany stated that he believed it would be a good idea to put together a budget committee to project income and expenses for next year. Tiffany Cloud also introduced the idea of an advertising /PR committee with volunteers Tiffany Cloud, Alice Coffman, Chris Reimiller and Ray Harker.

Tiffany Cloud introduced the idea of a 5k GOP run in early spring of next year as a possible fundraiser.

Ron Radtke 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 is going to work with Ray Harker on drafting some core values/principles to discuss at a future meeting.

With there being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Alice Coffman and seconded by Dominic Cusatis.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Cabell
Secretary