

Cache County Republican Party Central Committee Meeting  
Minutes – June 27, 2013

Motion to Approve the Agenda – unanimously passed

**Treasurer's Report**

County Party Treasurer Tyler Pitcher reported:

- a \$500 donation from Orrin Hatch (this was from the Lincoln Dinner this Spring.)
- expenditures of about \$2,000 to the state Republican party, to pay for electronic voting at the State Organizing Convention in May. (Each county was asked to help pay.)
- The funds on hand the county party has is about \$12,000.
- He is putting together a budget for the party and also looking into investing 10 percent of the party's funds to a rainy day fund.

**Proposed Bylaw Change**

A handout included the wording of the proposed bylaw change. County Party Secretary Gina Worthen explained that she submitted the proposal because there was confusion over when party officers took office. She explained that party officers (chair, vice-chair, secretary and treasurer) and the legislative district co-chairs take office right after election. But those elected to the state central committee take office after the state organizing convention, as required by the state party constitution.

It was explained that the proposed bylaw change did not actually change the way things were done, but just put it writing.

County Party Chair Danny Brownell made a motion to amend the proposal by changing the suggested words, "shall serve for two years" in articles (3A) and (5A4) to "shall serve through the next county organizing convention."

He explained that the county organizing convention is not always held exactly two years apart. The amendment was seen as a "friendly amendment" and there was no one to object to it.

Nathan Whiting moved to amend the proposed bylaw change, and it was seconded by Sharon Hoth. The motion passed unanimously.

Lynn Lemon moved to approve the amended bylaw proposal, which was seconded. The motion, passed unanimously.

**Training**

Vice Chair David Zook explained that the Cache Central Committee is the governing body of the county party.

Members of the Cache Central Committee are: all the precinct chairs, vice chairs, and secretaries; the Executive Committee, and the Republicans who serve in elected bi-partisan government offices.

The Central Committee gives direction to the Executive Committee, or in other words, the Executive Committee works for the Central Committee.

The Executive Committee is made up of the county party chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer, and legislative district co-chairs. Each is elected in odd-numbered years at the county organizing convention. The executive committee also includes several non-voting members, who are appointed. They are the Lincoln Club Co-Chairs, the Cache County Republican Women Chair, the County Fair Chair, the USU Republicans Chair and a member of the Cache County Council.

It was explained that precinct leadership has more responsibilities than just running the precinct caucus every two years. That includes:

- Helping with parades.
- Helping with the party's booth at the Cache County Fair.
- Talking to neighbors about the caucus system: why it's important and why we want to keep it.
- Holding meet-the-candidates-nights at a precinct level. This can be done even in a municipal election, just include all the candidates (the party will not endorse municipal candidates.) Representative Ed Redd said small meetings of 20-30 people are great for candidates. They get to hear people's concerns and therefore can be better representatives. He also said that people who know the candidates get out and vote.
- Letting the executive committee know what worked and didn't work at caucus night, so it can be improved.
- Get people involved. Get people to caucus night. Encourage them to come. Encourage them to vote.

One concern that was brought up by a precinct leader was that last year, one of the members of the Executive Committee was a paid staff member for a Republican candidate who faced a Republican challenger. Danny Brownell, who was vice-chair at the time, explained that he suggested this member recuse himself while the campaign was going on, but was told there was nothing in the by-laws to prohibit it, and therefore it was allowed to happen.

The suggestion was made in the meeting that the bylaws should be changed to ensure neutrality of party leadership.

Other suggestions included:

- giving the younger generation of Republicans purpose in going to caucus night;
- having parliamentary procedure training for caucus night;
- having precinct leadership training soon after caucus night.

## **Lincoln Club**

Lincoln Club Co-Chair Yvonne Roderick explained that the Lincoln Club, which is a fundraising arm of the local party, provides opportunities to "rub elbows" with our elected Republicans. This year's Lincoln Dinner featured Congressman Chris Stewart. In the past the club has had lunch with U.S. Sen. Mike Lee, and ice cream with local representative Curt Webb.

An ice cream social is planned for Aug. 23 with Rep. Jack Draxler, and lunch later in the year with Congressman Rob Bishop.

Money raised from the Lincoln Club supports Lincoln Club Events, local candidates, and also Get Out the Vote programs.

Members of the the Cache Central Committee were invited to join the Lincoln Club, and a form was handed out for those interested in joining.

## **Parades**

The party needs help with parades in the valley. Local precincts represent the face of the Republican Party in their neighborhoods and towns. A list with the parades was part of a packet that was

handed out. Legislative District Chairs oversee parades in their area. Kids are welcome to come. Those who come can wear candidate shirts or red shirts. The party will be getting some T-shirts with the new county party logo on it, hopefully in time to wear for the Pioneer Day parades.

Sen. Lyle Hillyard suggested that after helping with the parade, go to other events at the town celebration wearing your shirt that identifies you as a Republican.

### **Final Thoughts**

Chair Danny Brownell pointed out that although we may have different opinions on things, at the end of the day we are all Republicans who, overall, have the same core values and we need to be welcoming in the party.

He encouraged precinct leaders to get everyone out to the precinct caucuses in March 2014.

Nate Whiting, Legislative District Co-Chair and member of the state central committee, mentioned that the directory which was handed out at the meeting included contact info for those from Cache County who are on the state central committee. He encouraged those at the meeting to talk to them about issues facing the party.

**##** – Attachment: Bylaw Change.

# Approved Bylaw Change by the Cache Central Committee, June 27, 2013

## CACHE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE 3. OFFICERS

(3A) The officers of the Central Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. Such officers shall be elected at the organizing convention held in odd-numbered years in accordance with the provisions of the Utah Republican Party Constitution. **Such officers shall be seated immediately after election and shall serve through the next county organizing convention.**

### ARTICLE 5. COMMITTEES

(5A4) At the County Organizing Committee Convention (odd-numbered years), the Central Committee members shall divide themselves into separate caucuses for each of the Legislative Districts within the County and shall each elect by majority vote two (2) Legislative District Co-Chairman to the Executive Committee. The duly elected Legislative District Co-Chairman shall act as representatives of their respective Legislative Districts on the Executive Committee. **They shall be seated immediately after election and shall serve through the next county organizing convention.**

(5C1) STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS. The County Chairman and Vice Chairman are automatically members of the State Central Committee. Additional County Representatives to the State Central Committee shall be elected at the County Organizing Convention (odd-numbered years). **County representatives to the State Central Committee shall be seated after the state organizing convention and shall serve for two years, in accordance with the Utah Republican Party Constitution, Article XII, 6F.**