

County Central Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 15, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. – 155 N. Church Street

Total Committee Attendance: 74

1. **Welcome-** Boyd Pugmire
2. **Prayer-** Mark Hurd
3. **Pledge of Allegiance-** Ladd Kennington
4. **Introduction of Executive Committee Members** – Boyd introduced the Executive Committee members

5. **Officer Reports:**

Boyd –

There are several parades scheduled for this summer, and Boyd requested that precinct leaders participate in their local areas when able. Parades offer great visibility for the party, and help generate support. There will be a parade in Clarkston on the 25th of June, and also parades in Hyrum and Lewiston on the 4th of July. There will also be parades in Newton and Logan- dates TBA.

The party will also need volunteers to help with the booth at the Fair this year. A sign up sheet will be sent to committee members at a later date.

The new Lincoln Club will be hosting a patriotic celebration in October to honor veterans, and to gain support for “Get Out the Vote”. Mark Hu74rd is chairing the committee, which is trying to plan activities that will appeal to voters and increase participation.

Nicole –

The Cache GOP is in much better financial shape than last year – with revenues up 160%, and expenses down.

Gina – Nothing to report

6. Boyd reported that the State central committee is having financial difficulties due to the current lawsuit. Members had approved for all counties to contribute their “check-a-buck” money to help pay legal fees.
7. Gina gave an update on the status of the lawsuit. The State party won part of the lawsuit challenging non affiliated voters to vote in the primary, but lost their request to get rid of signature requirement. The judge ruled that the signature path to the ballot was “causing no harm.” This ruling will be appealed.
8. Boyd said that James Evans has proposed that if all 400 state delegates would donate \$25, it would generate \$100,000 to help with legal fees. This money would go toward attorney fees from the lawsuit.
9. Representative Redd reminded everyone that when the legislature passed SB54, it was a compromise- in order to keep the “Count my Vote” initiative off the ballot- which could have done away with the caucus system entirely.

10. Senator Hillyard said that there had been large donors (such as Mike Leavett), raising money and supporting “count my vote,” instead of the party. He also told of groups offering to get his signatures for him at a cost of \$6-\$12 dollars a vote, making it possible for well funded groups to buy their way on to the ballot.
11. Questions and comments from committee members:
 - a. What are chances of winning lawsuit at appellate level. Gina answered they were good.
 - b. Does the current total of unpaid bills include the costs for appeal? NO
 - c. Isn't the lawsuit and SB54 dividing the party? Boyd- fracturing the party is bad for all republicans, we need to have respect for all opinions, but stay united.
 - d. Many voters who attend caucuses are confused, and don't know what is going on. We need to educate voters on the caucus system, because the signature system, and “count my vote” seems very appealing to many.
 - e. Precinct chairs need to be better prepared to educate and run Caucus meetings. Boyd replied that training had been done before the caucuses for all precinct chairs.
 - f. When people donate to the party, they should have the option to designate where they want the money to go. Either the county, or state parties, or the lawsuit.
12. Boyd talked about the frustrations on caucus night this year. It was the first time the presidential caucus had been done this way, and the logistics and participation were not expected. In 2010, 2700 people participated in the caucuses, in 2012 that number was 6137. This year over 10,000 people showed up and the precincts were not prepared for those numbers.

Precinct officer training

Gina Worthen presented the attached document- and gave specific information regarding precinct officer duties.

13. Boyd said that further training will be done to address the long lines and logistical problems from this year's caucuses. He also said that in the future- communications will be done via email- saving a significant amount of money on paper mailings. He reminded everyone to make sure their correct email had been given to Gina.
14. A suggestion was made to announce that check in for caucuses will start 30 minutes early. This will help the meetings start on time.
15. Someone else suggested that the new precinct chairs be given names and contact information as soon as possible after the caucus meeting- in order to communicate with them about upcoming conventions.
16. Senator Hillyard announced the upcoming Town Hall Meeting regarding transportation issues. The meeting will be tomorrow night in the old courthouse- from 6:30 – 8:30. There will also be future meetings dealing with issues taken from public comments at the County convention.
17. Gina – the next meeting will be sometime in September.

18. Boyd encouraged everyone to stay involved- be visible – and build the community. People are saying they will not vote because of disgust with the presidential candidate choice. We need to encourage everyone to vote to support local and state candidates.
19. The meeting was adjourned.

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Excused:

Greg Merrill County Council
Marie Godfrey, Leg 3 Co Chair
Becky Job, NLG04
Shellie Giddings, RVH02

Ex-Officio:

Boyd Pugmire, Chair
Gina Worthen, Vice Chair
Nicole Tuttle, Treasurer
Dale Buxton, Leg 1 Co Chair
Mark Hurd, Leg 3 Co Chair
Andy Rasmussen, Leg 4 Co Chair
Lee Edwards, Leg 4 Co Chair
Jonathan Choate, Leg 5 Co Chair
Craig Buttars, County Executive
Lyle Hillyard, Senate District 25
Ed Redd, House District 4

Heidi Hodgsen, NEW
Eugene Bodrero, NEW
Robinette Jensen, HYD02
Wendy Neeley, HYD02
Wallace Bowen, NLG05
Clarissa Smith, NLG06
Chris Booth, NLG06
Calvin Chipman, LEW01
Mary Ellen Ogden, LEW02
Wayne Sanderson, RCH01
Kelly Olsen, SMI01
Brian Steiner, SMI03
Jeannetta Wadsworth, SMI04
Scott McKendrick, TRE
Rena McKendrick, TRE
Gail Yost, LOG01
Carol Johnson, LOG01

Josh Hanks, LOG03
Connie Birky, LOG03
Chet Christiansen, LOG04
Tim Mecham, LOG04
Ron Boman, LOG10
David Mark Weiss, LOG13
Wendi Hassan, LOG13
Samson Matina, LOG18
Sandi Goodlander, LOG20
Scott Raymond, LOG20
Kristel Larsen, LOG20
Rick Mayer, LOG22
Steve Taylor, LOG22
Elizabeth Blanchard, LOG24
Aaron Porter, LOG25
Jacob Davis, LOG25
Ken Tenny, LOG25
Eric Collins, LOG29
Dayna McKinnon, LOG33
Paul Duree, LOG33
Seth Humphries, LOG33
Wayne Jorgensen, HYR01
Elise Berry, HYR03
Carmalee Ellison, HYR03
Allen Marchant, HYR04
Michael Bret Judy, MEN02
RoseAnn Brandley, MEN02
James Walter Davis, MIL17
Cathy Ann Davis, MIL17
Shauna Young, NIB01
Ben Watkins, NIB01
James Thomas Reese, NIB03
Joshua Dee Nelson, NIB17
Michael Peel, PAR
Darcy Rees, PRO02
Craig Dunkley, PRO02
Charles Zurcher, PRO02
Ladd Kennington, PRO04
Julia Tashman, PRO04
Curis Crocket, PRO04
Rockie Ricks, PRO05
Austin Maughan, WEL01
Matt Bilodeau, WEL02
Denise Lindsay, WEL02
Rock Davidson, WEL03
Heidi Gordon, WEL04

