**Minutes Republican County BPOU Executive Meeting 4 May 2023**

**Call to Order:** by Chair Lowell Smith at 6:30 PM.

**Invocation:** By Representative Ben Davis.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** All joined in the pledge of allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made to amend the minutes by striking a motion by Mary Koepp and seconded by Jackson Purfeerst to hold a non-partisan event. Mary is not a member of the Executive Board and was not eligible to make a motion. Jeff Czeczok moved to strike and Robin Sylvester seconded. Amendment passed. Jeff made a motion to accept as amended which was seconded by Dan Willett. Motion carried.

**Chair Report:** --Lowell reported that he had reached out to area Mayors promoting the National Day of Prayer

--Lowell also related that Reid Seevers is working on pricing for a Chromebooks laptop for the BPOU. Reid stated that he could procure one at a greatly reduced price. Ken Toole Made a motion to approve the purchase Jeff Czeczok seconded. Motion was approved.

--Constitution Convention. We are looking at mid to late June for the Convention pending determination of a location.

--Rules Convention is also pending. Ken is working on it and also looking for a location.

**Treasurers Report:**

4-14 Beginning Balance $2,992.43

4-14 PCR Deposit $ 50.00

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4-14 Reid Seevers (Chrome Book) $ -269.62

5-01 PCR Deposit $ 50.00

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5-01 Ending Balance $2,922.81

*The following funds are committed:*

*Pop Ups $ -600.00*

*County Fair $ -675.00*

*Total committed $-1,275.00*

*Total funds not committed $ 1,647.81*

**Legislative Report:** 6A Representative Ben Davis reported on the challenges of dealing with the WOKE Walz Trifecta in St Paul. There were a number of questions and a very good report. We have our work cut out for us. John Sylvester reported that our website now has video and newsletters from our legislators.

**New Business:**

--We now have a tentative meeting place for our meetings which will be Lifespring Church, 30 Hallett Avenue NE, Crosby, MN.

--Dan Willet reported as a point of interest that a Town Hall Forum, “God and Government” featuring our representatives Josh and Ben and will be held at Lifespring Church on June 25th at 4pm.

**Events and Fund Raising**

--Donna Winge stated that we will soon need to book in our Pop Ups for the summer season and requested that we are approved to spend $80.00 for the registration and space. Dave Johnson suggested that this be increased to spend up to $100.00 to cover the cost of the first event at Fifty Lakes. Any excess not spent would be put toward the next event. Motion by Reid Seevers and Seconded by Ken Toole to approve. Motion Carried.

--A motion was made by Reid Seevers and Seconded by Jeff Czeckok to create a line item in the budget of $500.00 to cover the cost of pop up events. This could be increased if needed. After discussion the motion passed.

Total Committed to Pop Ups: $600.00

--County Fair costs are as follows:

Deposit (Refundable) $100.00

Booth Payment (3 spaces @225.00/Space $675.00

Total Committed to County Fair $775.60

--Donna explained the sign-up sheets for volunteers which were available.

--Discussed and explained the PCR contribution forms and the programs.

--Also, the State GOP needs funds.

**Media:** Reid Seevers

--Making donations online. We plan to use multiple sites for donations. Also use a QR code so donations can be accomplished by scanning with phones. Reid and John have done a great job with Web Page and other media.

--Reid asked for everyone who is seeing anything from us to be engaged and at least hit the like button, or better yet push it forward which is tracked and increases its visibility. Promote every post.

--Reid will be given 20 minutes for media education in the next meeting.

**Open Forum:**

--First time guest Teri Trullinger suggested that we try to spend more time on substance and information and less on procedure. We need to keep it relevant inform attendees of what is happening in the legislature and what we are doing to make changes.

--Following the meeting we break into focus groups.

**Adjourn:**

# Motion to adjourn by Reid Seevers seconded by Mike Abrahamson. Carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Attendance:

Executive Committee 16

Guests 17

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Johnson,

BPOU Secretary