

Sixth District Republican Committee Meeting, February 17, 2009 held at, Luzerne County Republican Headquarters, 25 Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, Pa 18701

James O'Meara, District Treasurer opened the meeting at 7:05 PM leading us with a moment of silence for our deceased and wounded military followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag.

Pass outs:

Sign in sheet, Treasurer Report.

Secretary Report:

Patrick Umbra, District Secretary read the minutes from the previous regular committee meeting January 27, 2009.

Motion made by Lillian Hart to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Susan Palmer. Carried.

Treasurer's Report:

James O'Meara, District Treasurer gave the treasurer report as of February 17, 2009. Primary Checking \$223.91; Savings \$960.03 for a total of \$1183.94. He then said the 2008 CFR was filed January 29, 2009. The next CFR is due the 2nd Friday Pre-Primary May 4, 2009. Jim then said our annual website domain renewal is due March 7, 2009 and needs a motion to approve the renewal.

He then called for any expenses to be presented. None.

He then called for any financial donations. None.

Motion made to renew the website by Lillian Hart. Seconded by Robert Hart. Carried.

Motion to accept the treasurer report as of February 17, 2009 by Lillian Hart. Seconded by Lisa Cope. Carried.

Fundraising:

None.

District Chairman Report: Note; arrived just for his report.

Steve said we wont be supporting the State Candidates.

Home Rule was brought up and it was determined it could get as bad as the City Charter where the State tax is capped at 25 mil and the City charges 93 mil, where the work tax is capped at 1 1/2% and the City charges 3% plus many more issues that aren't controlled and the City could charge more. People have to know and the issue will be studied for a future date.

Communications:

None.

Committee Reports:

Patrick Umbra Chairman of the Audit Committee gave the 2008 internal audit report. He read a prepared report and is attached to the minutes. Co-chairman Anthony Brooks, Committee Susan Palmer, Allan Ciprich. Summary of the report; Republican Committee grew from 20 before the election April 22, 2008 to 45 after the election. After the two approved tonight we will have 47 of the 60 committee members needed. We had a good year our two fundraisers both gained the Tailgate net was \$281.66 and our Christmas Party net was \$ 110.72 both totaled \$ 392.38. Our beginning balance was \$ 820.18 and ending balance was \$ 1183.94 for an increase of \$ 363.76 for the year. So we have available for candidates through our Election and Candidate Committee \$ 678.94.

Motion to accept the 2008 audit by Lillian Hart. Seconded by Lisa Cope. Carried.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

Motion to accept Irene Jachiniak ward 19 City and Joseph Housenick ward 2, WB Twp. on our Republican Committee by Lillian Hart. Seconded by Dana Cope. Carried.

Comments for the Good:

No Comments.

Renita Fennick, Luzerne County Executive Director said she is very honored to get the position and will be having plenty of VIP events. The website will be up and running soon also a calendar of events.

There will be a dinner honoring Karl Rove donation around \$25.00

We will have an event for Nanda Palissery for Controller to kick off his campaign, Tuesday February 24, 6:00 PM. She then said she will be available and gave her Cell Phone 239-8851 and the Headquarters Phone 208-GOP1.

Nanda Palissery, Esq. said he is running for Luzerne County Controller and would appreciate the Sixth District Support. He said for the last 15 years he has been an active Luzerne County Attorney and Businessman and will include the solicitor job with the position of Controller at no charge. He also said he will still maintain his practice but put whatever time is needed at the Controller Job. His campaign will kick off on February 24, 2009 right here at Republican Headquarters 25 Public Square, 6:00 PM.

Walter Griffith said he is running for Luzerne County Controller and will oversee all the disbursements and would bring integrity to the job. He also said he will work full time and has strong Republican convictions. He is asking for Sixth District Republican Committee support. Walter said he will be running for home rule as the treasurer.

Frank Semanski, said he was the Jury Commissioner for the last 7 1/2 years and is running for re-election. He said they have one Democrat and one Republican and Jerry Bonner is the Democrat Jury Commissioner. He is employed as a group manager for the Hunlock Supervisors and helping and rescuing people is most of the job.

Harry Haas is running for School Director, Wilkes-Barre Area Public Schools said he has 10 years teaching experience and will bring much to the Board. He also said he will be cross filling and his website is Harryhaas.com.

Michael Desiderio said he is running for School Director for Wilkes-Barre Area public Schools and there is four openings. He has been in the Construction Business and could be very helpful on the board. His expertise in the construction business since he was 18 will be a strong factor in determining the needs of the schools.

Allan Ciprich said he is running for Judge of Election Ward 5 Plains.

Attached to minutes: Agenda, Sign in, 8 Republican Committee, Republicans and Candidates present, Treasurer Report as of February 17, 2009, Audit Report for 2008.

Note: Luzerne County Commissioner, Stephen A. Urban, Present.

**Motion to adjourn by Harry Haas. Seconded by Jim O'Meara. Carried.
Meeting closed 8:20 PM.**

Minutes were approved March 24, 2009. Correction for funds available was corrected March 24, 2009.

**Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Umbra, District Secretary**