

POLK COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

General Meeting Minutes

2/24/2009

The Polk County Republican Central Committee met on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at Hillside Elementary School in West Des Moines. Chairman Ted Sporer called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. There were 80 members and guests in attendance. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sarah Bowman. Guest speakers were as follows: Paul Zietlow, Westside Conservative Club and Gopal Krishna, Republican State Central Committee.

Chairman Sporer advised the Central Committee that we had only one agenda item, that being the election of officers for the Central Committee.

A motion was offered and approved that the election should be by position as opposed to by a slate of officers.

A set of rules was offered and approved. These included:

- Nominations would be required, but “seconds” were not required
- Candidates would speak for 3 minutes
- Questions and answers would be allowed 10 minutes
- Central Committee members would receive colored ballots when their names were called
- Impartial ballot observers would count and verify the results
- The results would be announced to the full committee
- A simple majority would be required to provide a winner
- If lacking a simple majority, the lowest vote receiver would be dropped from the next ballot
- Rule was made to elect the offices Chair and Co-Chair separately

The nominations for Chairman were requested:

- Chris Hagenow nominated Ryan Anderson
- Ben Schultz nominated Jon Gruber
- Art Smith nominated John Bloom

The results of the Election for Chairman were:

- Jon Gruber 7
- Ryan Anderson 32
- John Bloom 41

John Bloom was announced as the winner and next Chairman of the Polk County Republican Central Committee.

The nominations for Co-Chairman were requested:

- Art Smith was nominated
- Will Rogers was nominated
- Jon Gruber was nominated
- Wes Enos was nominated but withdrew his name from consideration

Following comments by Art Smith, Jon Gruber withdrew his name from consideration and offered his support for Art.

The results of the Election for Co-Chairman were:

- Art Smith 29
- Will Rogers 46

Will Rogers was announced as the winner and the next Co-Chairman of the Polk County Republican Central Committee.

There were no additions or removals from the Central Committee. There was an extensive discussion about the viability of one CC member, Susan Murphy. Lacking clear evidence of the member's qualifications, the CC voted against changing the rules to allow the member to participate in the election.

The sole purpose of the meeting being accomplished, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m.

These notes are submitted by John L Bloom.