



January 13, 2014 Manitowoc County Republican Party General Meeting

Meeting called to order by Collin Braunel at 6:35P.M.

Treasurer's Report: None. Jeff Dewane was not able to attend the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Benjamin Hilburger, Michael Canty, Molly Dewane, Roger Vanderlogt, Chess Erwin, Tyler Martell, Margaret Mueller, Jacalyn LaBre

Reports from elected officials:

Senator Frank Lasee- the Governor's State of State address will be coming up shortly and will be televised. He warned the legislative session will be moving fast because of the starting date and many issues coming up for vote. There will probably be no major bills, but rather smaller bills pushed through. There is talk of cutting taxes but we will not know how much until the session starts. Frank is also working on improving and reforming the law changing the relationship between landlords and tenants. He also reminds us two "soft" Republicans, Dale Shultz and Luther Olsen, are going to have tough Republican primaries. Please encourage people you know in that district to vote for the most conservative principled candidate. Frank also encourages people to vote for Senator Joe Leibham, as well as Governor Walker who are both up for tough re-elections.

Senator Joe Leibham- Joe is excited about the upcoming session and is looking forward to the upcoming election. He wants everyone to be proud of the progress since Governor Walker became governor. There is still work to be done. Joe wants to remove Wisconsin out of the top ten most heavily taxed states. He is also working on removing the police and fire protection fee. He wants the process to become more honest. Joe voted for the student data ID bill, but he makes it very clear he is against the federal government's Common Core education standards. He wants to make sure all schools are held accountable.

Representative Paul Tittl- Assembly will be taking up the heroin bills. The Assembly is also working on a human trafficking bill. Sadly, teenage human trafficking is becoming a major problem in the state and has to be dealt with as soon as possible.

Tyler Martell- Taxes went up in the city. Soeldner, Sladky, and Martell were against the increase. He wants to see more local control when it comes to picking a police and fire chief. The city has also invested \$30,000.00 for an outside firm to do an analysis on city workers' wages.

Caucus: The country caucus will be on Saturday January 18 at 10:00a at the Lincoln Park Cabin 1 building.

State Convention: May 2, 3, and 4 in Milwaukee at the Hyatt Convention Center. Make sure you plan in advance if you plan to stay at a local hotel.

Lincoln Day Dinner: Still working out the details on the guest speaker. The date is Sunday March 16 at Fox Hills Resort. Please consider volunteering for the planning committee.

Poll Worker Program: Sulynn has created a program to sign-up election inspectors. Election inspectors are very important to protect the integrity of elections. They are needed to make sure there is no cheating or voter intimidation. Poll workers run the process; they do not protect the voter.

Meeting Adjourned 8:15P.M. Submitted by Benjamin Hilburger, Secretary