

## REDDING REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE

April 5, 2010

### Attendance

A quorum was present:

Hank Bielawa	David Box
Lewis Brey	Gerry Casiello
Parker Coates	Paul Degener
Thomas Derderian	Donald Takacs
Frank DeSalvo	Joan DeSalvo
Richard Emerson	Frank Taylor
Rand Guffey	Chris Hocker
Mike Hoffman	Michael Thompson
Randi Hutton	Natalie Ketcham
David Lewson	Ward Mazzucco
Gary Miyashiro	Scott Palmer
Norma Riess	Jerry Sarnelli
John Shaban	

### **Senior Members:**

John Downey

Guests: Eric Witt, A.J. Van Slyke (Schiff Campaign), David Cappiello (McMahon Campaign)

Ward Mazzucco (“WM”) called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

## **Minutes of March 23, 2010 RTC Meeting**

Frank Taylor moved to approve the Minutes of the March 23, 2010, meeting, which was seconded by Frank DeSalvo. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Gary Miyashiro presented the Treasurer's Report and noted a balance of \$2,905.55, as of March 31, 2010. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Gary noted that 16 members had made their voluntary contribution this year to the RTC and encouraged those who had not yet done so to contribute.

### **General Matters**

#### ***Vacancy Committee***

David Lewson, Vacancy Committee Chair, recommended that Eric Witt become a full member of the RTC. A motion was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously. WM welcomed Eric on behalf of the RTC.

David then recommended Don Stroetzel to fill the vacant position of Planning Commission Alternate. A motion was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

David also noted that the Vacancy Committee would have new RTC member recommendations at our next meeting.

#### ***RTC Standing Committees***

WM asked to approve the proposed slate of RTC Committees and members. A motion was made and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

#### ***Gubernatorial Candidates***

##### **Schuyler Merritt – Foley Campaign**

Schuyler spoke briefly on behalf of the Tom Foley Campaign and asked the RTC for its support.

Website: [www.tomfoley2010.com](http://www.tomfoley2010.com)

#### ***U.S. Senate Candidates***

##### **David Cappiello (McMahon Campaign Chairman)**

Mr. Cappiello discussed issues related to Rob Simmons' record on "cap and trade" and "card check" while he was in Congress. Members asked questions related to those issues. Dave left information on these subjects, which Lewis Brey agreed to distribute to members via email.

Website: [www.linda2010.com](http://www.linda2010.com)

### **A.J. Van Slyke (Peter Schiff Campaign)**

Mr. Van Slyke spoke on behalf of the Peter Schiff Campaign, stating that Mr. Schiff was “the only true conservative in the race” and the “only one that can win” in November. He asked RTC members for their support.

Q&A: The discussion focused on Mr. Schiff’s positions on Iraq and the decriminalization of drugs in the U.S.

Website: [www.schifforsenate.com](http://www.schifforsenate.com)

### ***State Senator***

### **David Box (Boucher Campaign)**

David Box spoke regarding upcoming efforts to raise money for Senator Boucher and discussed her Exploratory Committee. David noted that he would be emailing members soon and asked for their contributions and support.

### **Toni Boucher**

Senator Boucher spoke briefly to thank the RTC for its past support and to encourage members to help her campaign in the future.

### ***135<sup>th</sup> General Assembly District***

### **John Shaban**

John Shaban announced that his website is now up and running and encouraged members to visit it and donate time or financial support to his campaign.

Website: [www.shabanforstaterep.com](http://www.shabanforstaterep.com)

### ***Secretary of State***

### **Jerry Farrell (Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Protection)**

Commissioner Farrell discussed his campaign for Secretary of State, the responsibilities of the office and how his political and legal experience would help him to manage the office, increase its efficiency and reduce waste throughout state government. He asked the RTC for its support and encouraged all to volunteer and contribute to his campaign.

Q&A: Discussion focused on state worker pensions, the role of the legislature in ratifying state employee contracts and some of the Democratic candidates running against him.

Website: [www.farrellforct.com](http://www.farrellforct.com)

## ***Georgetown Day – June 13<sup>th</sup>***

Scott Palmer discussed general plans for the upcoming event and promised to provide more details at our May meeting. Natalie Ketcham suggested thinking about ways to help draw people to the RTC tent.

### ***Executive Session***

WM announced that the remainder of the meeting would be held in Executive Session and asked non-members to be excused.

During Executive Session, members discussed delegate support and possible endorsements of candidates. Straw polls were taken.

### **Next Meeting**

WM announced that the next meeting will be held on May 3, 2010.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.