

REDDING REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE

August 23, 2010

Attendance

A quorum was present:

Richard Emerson	Jerry Sarnelli
Michael Thompson	Tom Derderian
David Lewson	Rand Guffey
Gary Miyashiro	Frank DeSalvo
Joan DeSalvo	Ward Mazzucco
Donald Takacs	Natalie Ketcham
Randi Hutton	Parker Coates
Eric Witt	John Shaban

Senior Members:

Julian Kien	John Downey
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Guests: Dan O'Grady, Joe Egan, Toni Boucher, Dan Carter, Rob Ganim (Debicella Campaign)

Ward Mazzucco ("WM") called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Minutes of July Meeting

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the July meeting, which was seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report

Gary Miyashiro presented the Treasurer's Report and noted a balance of \$2,255.42, as of July 31, 2010. Gary also noted that 19 members had made an annual contribution. WM reminded members that they are encouraged to contribute \$100 annually to the RTC. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

General Matters

Dan O'Grady

Probate Judge candidate Dan O'Grady thanked the RTC for its endorsement and help in his unsuccessful primary campaign and asked RTC members to support Joe Eagan.

Joe Egan

Probate Judge primary winner Joe Egan thanked Dan for running a good campaign and asked the RTC for its support and help during the upcoming Fall campaign. A discussion of Judge Egan's primary strategy then occurred. Judge Egan encouraged members to visit him on his campaign Facebook site: "Elect Joe Egan, Probate Judge".

League of Women Voters Debate

WM announced that the League of Women Voters would be holding a pre-election debate for local candidates on October 20th at the Redding Community Center. WM encouraged members to attend and support our Republican candidates.

Linda McMahon – U.S. Senate

WM announced that the McMahon Campaign needs a Redding "sign coordinator" and asked anyone who was interested to contact him.

Campaign Coordinators

WM also announced that various candidates need "campaign coordinators" in Redding and asked interested individuals to contact him directly

Election Results

WM then went through the numerical results of the recent primary elections and a general discussion took place on what the numbers meant and what effect, if any, they might have in the Fall.

Dan Debicella – 4th Congressional District

Chris Hocker and Debicella Campaign representative Rob Ganim discussed the 4th Congressional District landscape and the upcoming campaign between Dan Debicella and Jim Himes. Chris discussed some of his recent analysis and why he is optimistic regarding Dan's chances. Both men noted that the Himes Campaign had already begun to use negative ads against Dan and that the race was going to be very hard fought. As such, early campaign contributions from as many members as can contribute will be very important to combat any coordinated, negative advertising against Dan.

WM reminded members that there will be a regional fundraiser for Dan on Saturday September 18th in Trumbull and encouraged members to attend.

Q&A: A wide-ranging question and answer session followed on topics such as healthcare, Dan's record as a state senator and campaign strategy.

Website: www.debicella.com

Pig Roast

WM also reminded members that the annual Pig Roast is scheduled for Sunday, September 26th at the Redding Community Center and that retiring Probate Judge Dick Emerson would be this year's nominee. Randi Hutton, who is assisting Scott Palmer, discussed the event and distributed a volunteer sign-up sheet and encouraged as many members as possible to help. A discussion regarding the best way to advertise the event then occurred. It was agreed, among other things, that our annual RTC Fundraising Letter would include an invitation to the Pig Roast.

Fundraising Letter

WM noted that he had circulated a draft of the annual RTC Fundraising Letter and that he had already received some comments. WM promised to revise the letter and re-circulate for members' review again shortly. Jerry Sarnelli, who will be coordinating mailing of the letter addressed members and provided a status update. Jerry said that he would be having an event at his house during the week of September 6 to stuff envelopes, etc. and asked for volunteers to sign up to help.

As part of the discussion regarding the content of the letter, a motion was made to have all RTC members' names included in the letter, which was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dan Carter – 2nd General Assembly District

Dan Carter discussed his campaign, announced he had qualified for state funding and said that he had scheduled some debates with his opponent, Jason Bartlett, the first on September 16th and the second at the League of Women Voters event on October 20th. He encouraged members to help in his campaign, thanked the RTC for its continued support and asked those who could contribute financially to do so.

Website: www.dancarter2010.com

John Shaban – 135th General Assembly District

John provided a status report on his campaign and announced that he too had met the requirements for state funding and would be filing his application to receive that funding shortly. He encouraged those who have not yet contributed to his campaign to do so and then discussed some upcoming campaign events. He thanked the RTC for its continued support and said he was working hard throughout the 135th District to win the election this Fall.

Website: www.shabanforstaterep.com

Senator Boucher–26th State Senate District

Toni then provided an update on her campaign, announced she had qualified for state funding and discussed some of the issues she faced in the upcoming race, particularly the fact that she was already the recipient of some negative campaigning from her opponent. A general discussion regarding campaign strategy took place and Toni finished by thanking the RTC for its support and asking members to let her know where she should be and what she should be doing in Redding.

Website: toniboucher@aol.com

Next Meeting

WM announced that the next RTC meeting will be held on September 13, 2010..

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.