

REDDING REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE

February 1, 2010

Attendance

A quorum was present:

Richard Emerson	Michael Thompson
John Shaban	Lewis Brey
Tom Derderian	Scott Palmer
David Lewson	Natalie Ketcham
Mike Hoffman	Gary Miyashiro
Donald Takacs	Hank Bielawa
Gerry Casiello	David Box
Frank Taylor	Chris Hocker
Randi Hutton	

Guests: Frank Scott, Rob Merkle, Lew Goldberg, Linda McMahon, Toni Boucher

Vice Chairman Lewis Brey (“LB”) called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.

Minutes of October, November, December Meetings

Frank Taylor moved to approve the Minutes of the October, November and December 2009 meetings, which was seconded by Tom Derderian. Motion unanimously passed.

Treasurer’s Report

Gary Miyashiro presented the Treasurer’s Report and noted a balance of \$2050.55. He reminded members to make the suggested annual contribution to the RTC of \$100 and asked that each member fill out a corresponding contribution form when doing so. Frank Taylor made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report, which was seconded by John Shaban. Motion passed unanimously.

General Matters

NABR (NonPartisan Action for a Better Redding)

Frank Scott, of NABR, made a presentation to the RTC regarding his organizations plan for reducing town spending by 10% in 201. A question and answer session followed. Issues were raised regarding how NABR’s proposed reductions would be possible with certain restrictions placed on the town due to various state and federal statutes. Mr. Scott encouraged members to visit NABR’s website – www.betterredding.org – for additional information.

LB thanked Mr. Scott for his efforts and informative presentation.

Linda McMahon (Candidate for U.S. Senate)

Republican Senatorial candidate Linda McMahon made a presentation to the RTC regarding her for Senate. She discussed a large number of topics including the need to help small businesses, creating jobs in the private sector, tax issues, and foreign policy concerns.

A question and answer session followed. Members asked Mrs. McMahon questions regarding the role of state v. federal government, the federal government's role in education, differences between her and Rob Simmons and the recent Supreme Court ruling on campaign contributions. Mrs. McMahon encouraged members to visit her website - www.Linda2010.com – for more information.

LB thanked Mrs. McMahon for her time and wished her luck.

Rob Merkle (Candidate for 4th Congressional District)

Rob Merkle came back to speak to the RTC for a second time. He acknowledged the RTC's prior endorsement of Dan DeBicella but wanted to make his case, again, for why he is the best candidate for the 4th Congressional seat. Mr. Merkle addressed many economic issues including, the lack of credit available to small business and the irresponsible fiscal policy advanced currently in Washington and Back again. Mr. Merkle asked everyone to keep an open mind and to further consider who the best candidate would be. He asked everyone to visit his website at www.merkleforcongress.com.

LB thanked Rob for his time and wished him luck.

State Senator Toni Boucher

State Senator Toni Boucher provided a Hartford update, concentrating her presentation on the severe budget issues facing the state and some of the political dynamics shaping the landscape. She also addressed the importance of the upcoming census on re-drawing of state and federal legislative districts and touched generally on educational issues.

Senator Boucher also announced that she would be running for re-election and asked members for any help they could provide. She promised to provide campaign updates as the year progressed.

LB thanked her for her service and for taking the time to speak to the RTC.

Judge Richard Emerson

Judge Emerson then discussed the recent consolidation of probate courts around the state. He noted that the Redding Probate Court was going to be merged with the probate courts in Ridgefield, Bethel and Newtown and that Bethel would be the site of the merged probate district. He said that after 31 years, he had decided to retire and would not be running for the merged seat. He noted that he was concerned about the service the new court could provide -- it

will be servicing 77,000 -- but wanted to thank everyone for all of the support shown him over the years.

The RTC thanked Judge Emerson with a strong round of applause and many congratulations.

Next Meeting

LB announced that the next meeting will be held on March 1, 2010.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.