

REDDING REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE

May 3, 2010

Attendance

A quorum was present:

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| Richard Emerson | Michael Thompson |
| John Shaban | Tom Derderian |
| David Lewson | Lewis Brey |
| Hank Bielawa | Gary Miyashiro |
| Frank DeSalvo | Joan DeSalvo |
| Natalie Ketcham | Ward Mazzucco |
| Norma Riess | Parker Coates |
| Frank Taylor | Scott Palmer |
| Randi Hutton | |

Senior Members:

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| Linda Koch | John Downey |
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Guests: Linda McMahon (and aide), Dan Carter, Rob Simmons, Dick Wieland, Dan O’Grady, Rob Merkle (and aide), and Rob Simmons (with aides)

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

Minutes of April 5, 2010 Meeting

Passed to next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Gary Miyashiro presented the Treasurer's Report and noted a balance of \$2,554,55, as of April 30, 2010. Gary also noted that 17 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

Delegates

WM led a discussion of convention delegates and procedural issues surrounding alternates. WM reminded delegates they should call him if they are unable to make a convention at the last minute in order to ensure that the RTC can find an alternate and remain in compliance with all convention rules.

Dan Carter (2nd District General Assembly Candidate)

WM announced that Melanie O'Brien had dropped out of the 2nd District General Assembly race. WM then introduced Dan Carter, the RTC endorsed candidate, who thanked the RTC for its support. Dan also said he looked forward to the next stage of the campaign and hoped that RTC members would volunteer to help over the next few months.

Website: dancarter2010.com

Dan O'Grady (Probate Judge Candidate)

WM recognized Dan O'Grady, who is the RTC endorsed candidate for Probate Judge. Judge O'Grady thanked the RTC for its support and said he looked forward to working with everyone in the upcoming campaign.

Vacancy Committee

WM noted that a motion was made last month to make Schuyler Merritt a member of the RTC. Pursuant to RTC bylaws, a vote is necessary to now approve Schuyler as a member. A motion was made to do so and was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Rob Merkle (4th Congressional District Candidate)

WM introduced Rob Merkle again to the RTC. Rob discussed his candidacy and the reasons why he felt, despite the RTC's prior endorsement of Dan Debicella, that he should be the Republican nominee. He thanked the RTC for their willingness to listen to him again. A question and answer session ensued.

Website: merkleforcongress.com

135th District Convention

WM announced that the 135th District Convention will be held on May 11 at 7pm at the Easton Library.

26th Senatorial District Convention

WM announced that the 26th Senatorial District Convention will be held on May 13 at 7pm at Trackage in Wilton near the train station.

Tom Foley

Judge Downey discussed an event held earlier this evening at the Lumberyard for Tom Foley. Judge Downey said it was a good event that went well and that Tom was there to meet everyone.

WM thanked Judge Downey for assuming the role as Chairman of the Redding Delegation to the State Convention. It has proven to be more time-consuming than originally thought and WM wanted to express his appreciation for Judge Downey's efforts.

State Central

WM discussed some procedural issues related to complying with State Central delegate requirements. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to ensure RTC compliance was achieved.

Linda McMahon

WM welcomed Mrs. McMahon back to the RTC. She discussed her campaign again emphasizing her recent rise in the polls and momentum going into the Convention. She concluded by asking the RTC for its support.

Question & Answer session followed which focused on some of the controversy surrounding her business background, her pro-choice position and job creation.

Website: mylinda2010.com

Rob Simmons

Rob Simmons was then welcomed back to the RTC by WM. Mr. Simmons emphasized his military and governmental experience, most recently as the State's business advocate. He finished by reminding members that the campaign should be about more than who has the most money but who has the experience to lead.

Question & Answer session focused on Mr. Simmons' legislative record, particularly his past positions on immigration and cap and trade and the overall negative campaigning that had occurred in the Senate race to date.

Website: www.joinrobsimmons.com

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.

Georgetown Day

After the RTC exited Executive Session, Scott Palmer then announced that Georgetown Day will be held on June 13. Scott said he would send an email to members to sign-up to volunteer at the tent.

Next Meeting

WM announced that the next meeting will be held on June 7, 2010.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:48pm.