

REDDING REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE

October 4, 2010

Attendance

A quorum was present:

Lewis Brey	Parker Coates
Frank DeSalvo	Joan DeSalvo
Richard Emerson	Chris Hocker
Michael Thompson	Natalie Ketcham
David Lewson	Ward Mazzucco
Gary Miyashiro	Jerry Sarnelli
Donald Takacs	Eric Witt

Senior Members:

John Downey

Guests: Dan Carter (Candidate for 2nd District General Assembly), Rob Ganim (Debicella Campaign), Amy Alcott, Alex Karsinidi (State Central)

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

Minutes of September 13, 2010 Meeting

Motion was made to approve the Minutes of the September 13, 2010 meeting, which was seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Gary Miyashiro presented the Treasurer's Report and noted a balance of \$2,853.53, as of September 30, 2010. Chris Hocker made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

General Matters

Fundraising Efforts

WM discussed RTC fundraising efforts to date and stressed the need for all RTC members to contribute, if possible.

Koch Fundraiser for Dan Debicella

WM reminded members that Linda Koch and her husband will be hosting a fundraiser for Dan Debicella at their home on October 17th at 5:30pm and encouraged all members to attend and/or contribute a donation to Dan's campaign.

Robo Calls

Lewis Brey led a discussion of whether or not the RTC should initiate "robo calls" as part of this year's election campaign. After much consideration, it was agreed that the RTC would not do so.

Annual Pig Roast

WM announced that the Annual Pig Roast was a great success. Approximately 140 people attended and this year's honoree, Judge Dick Emerson, was given an enthusiastic reception for all of his efforts on behalf of the Town of Redding.

Signs

WM informed members that lawn signs are available from all campaigns and encouraged members to display them.

Pilot Letter

WM encouraged everyone to write letters to the Pilot in support of Republican candidates. Letters have a limit of 75 words and must be submitted by 5pm on Monday to make Thursday's edition.

Debicella Campaign

Rob Ganim provided an update regarding the Debicella campaign. According to polling the race is a dead heat. Rob noted that Dan had raised \$801,000 in the most recent quarter, which is among the top 3 in the country for a non-incumbent candidate. Rob encouraged members to volunteer at Debicella headquarters and to attend the Koch fundraiser if possible.

Carter Campaign

Dan Carter provided an update on his campaign, thanked the RTC for its continued support, and encouraged everyone to attend the League of Women Voters debate on October 20 at the Redding Community Center.

Foley/Boughton Fundraiser

WM noted that Natalie Ketcham and John Downey hosted a very successful fundraiser for the Foley/Boughton ticket and thanked everyone who attended and/or contributed to the event.

Foley Campaign

John Downey then provided an update on the Foley campaign. He announced upcoming fundraising events on Oct. 14th and 22nd, encouraged members to take lawn sign, and thanked everyone for their support.

Debates

WM discussed the upcoming debate schedule – October 7 in Ridgefield (Boucher/Hartwell), October 20 League of Women Voters at the Redding Community Center (Carter/Bartlett, Shaban/Bernstein) and October 24 at Wilton High School (Debicella/Himes) – and encouraged members to attend.

Shaban Campaign

David Lewson provided an update on the campaign, discussed the strategy of targeting “soft Republicans and Independents”, and noted that John was working hard and looking forward to the debate against his opponent on October 20th.

Boucher Campaign

Senator Boucher gave an update on her campaign and discussed past elections and possible similarities to this year’s efforts. She thanked the RTC for its continued support.

State Central Report

Alex Karsinidi provided his thoughts on state-wide campaign issues including the recent Bysiewicz court case. He encouraged members to write letters in support of the Foley/Boughton campaign and said that he could provide “bullet point” information to use in that regard.

Election Day Tent

Judge Emerson provided a status report and led a discussion of various issues related to election day logistics.

Judge Emerson

Judge Emerson gave his personal thanks and appreciation to the RTC for honoring him at the Pig Roast and mentioned Natalie Ketcham and Randi Hutton in particular for their efforts on his behalf. WM thanked Judge Emerson for his work as Probate Judge in Redding for over 30 years.

Next Meeting

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

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m