

TRI-CREEK
REPUBLICAN
COMMITTEE

Draft Minutes

Date: February 20, 2023

Time: 5:30 PM



Minutes for the Tri-Creek Republican Committee

Call to Order:

A regular meeting of Tri-Creek Republican Committee was held at February 20, 2023 at the Lowell Community Center. It began at 5:30 PM and was presided over by Shad Whisler with Lorraine Bank as secretary. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated and the meeting began.

Attendees:

Voting members in attendance: 18

Mike Lee, Melissa Lauridsen, Dave Lauridsen, Amber Gunningham, Heidi Laub, Alice Dahl, Shad Whisler, Lorraine Bank, Rosemary Swank, Anita Castelli, Clarissa Fuller, Tom Sorensen, Carol Sorensen, Dan Blankenship, Todd Angerman, LeAnn Angerman, Mike Gruska, and Jessica Messler.

Guests in attendance: 4

Andy Anderson, Catherine Johnson, Paul Panczuk, and Jill Murr.

Members not in attendance: TBD

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2023 meeting was made by Tom Sorensen. Seconded by Melissa Lauridsen. Unanimously approved.

Officers Reports:

Secretary's Report was presented by Lorraine Bank. Motion to approve by Tom Sorensen. Seconded by Melissa Lauridsen. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Melissa Lauridsen. \$7,101.31 in the account. \$170.00 check outstanding to Lake County Republican Party. Motion to approve by Tom Sorensen. Seconded by LeAnn Angerman. Unanimously approved.

Other Reports:

Liberty Park Remodel Report was presented by Todd Angerman. Park to be renamed "William Nassau Park." New Community Center Building estimated to have 300-person capacity. Seating at the new Amphitheater estimated to be 1,000-person, when including the grassy spaces. Plans are being made now. Final drawings expected soon. Project should break ground next spring (2024) by current estimations. There are plans for this venue to have a liquor license. Report was informational, no motions made.

NRA Event Report was presented by Mike Lee. Event was very well-attended. Estimates of 180 people attended or directly received information about the meeting via the NRA. Many pieces of Legislation were discussed, notably the "Pistol Brace Ban" and it was discussed that the ATF cannot create laws, but they are currently being allowed to do so by the U.S. Government with this ban. Report was informational, no motions made.

School Referendum Report was presented by Lorraine Bank and was discussed by all. LeAnn Angerman, the Assistant Director of the Board of Elections for Lake County stated that Lowell will have a Primary this year, but other areas will not (examples: New Chicago, Whiting, Dyer). TCRC has until July 3rd to slate candidates as Ward 3 & Ward 5 Town Council seats, as they are currently vacant. Report was informational, no motions made.

TCRC Leadership Election Elected Executive Committee, Precinct Committeemen, and members (persons that attended 3 meetings in the last 12 months) voted. Nominations were opened for Chairman. Alice Dahl nominated LeAnn Angerman. Todd Angerman seconded. Dave Lauridsen nominated Clarissa Fuller. Tom Sorensen seconded. Motion was made by Tom Sorensen to close nominations. Melissa Lauridsen seconded. Vote proceeded to a secret ballot vote. Clarissa Fuller was elected as Chairwoman. Nominations were opened for Secretary. Lorraine Bank nominated Jessica Messler. Melissa Lauridsen seconded. Tom Sorensen moved to declare vote unanimous. Vote was unanimous.

Announcements:

- It is President's Day. It is also George Washington's birthday.
- There is interest in starting a "Moms for Liberty" chapter in this area.
- Mike Gruska will be hosting a fundraiser at Mi Ranchito on Sunday, March 26th, 2023 from 5-7 PM. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served.

- Shad Whisler made some outgoing remarks.
- Lincoln Day Dinner is March 18th, 2023.

Adjournment:

Tom Sorensen moved that the meeting be adjourned and Clarissa seconded.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:49 PM.

Secretary Signature

Jessica Messler

Date of Approval

PENDING APPROVAL

