

Meeting Notice and Agenda
Yakima County Republican Central Committee Executive Board

Headquarters - 29 No. 2nd Street, Yakima

8 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, 1967

1. Call to Order.
2. Minutes of February 14 meeting.
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Report of County Chairmen's meeting (Chairman)
5. Report of District Directors meeting (Doug Pringle).
6. Report of Y. R. plans (Steve Johnson).
7. Report on progress of Calendar development (Betty Edmondson).
8. Report of correspondence.
9. Announcement of State Central Committee meeting in Richland
March 31 - April 1.
10. Other Business.
11. Adjourn.

The Chairman insists that all members giving reports devote some time in preparation. Concise, to the point reports will be appreciated. Formal reports should be reduced to writing for the convenience of the Secretary.

James Matson, Chairman
Yakima County Republican
Central Committee

MINUTES

Republican Central Committee of Yakima County February 14, 1967

Attending: Jim Matson, Suzanne Conrad, Betty Edmondson, Cathy McLachlan, Earl Lee, Douglas Pringle, Ron Halvorson, Ray Gardner, Mrs. Rudolph Schmidt (YWRC president), May Woodward & Irene Koester (BWRC), Bob Brachtenbach, Gene Tollofson (KIMA), Joan Grimes

Chairman Jim Matson announced that letters were sent inviting presidents of all Yakima County Republican clubs to sit in on Executive Board meetings and welcomed to the meeting those who had responded.

Asked for treasurer's report from Earl Lee. Balance on January 9 was \$1,771.08; deposits to date \$1,064.54; disbursements \$415.34; balance of \$2,420.20. Moved that the report be approved. Motion seconded and passed.

Jim mentioned the window display at headquarters and thanked Kathy. Kathy gave a report on a frame which can be used for display purposes for candidates pictures, etc. costing \$1.29 each. Jim said we should go ahead and order a supply of these and the group agreed.

Doug reported on what had been done regarding the acquiring of a printing machine. An A. B. Dick electric mimeograph similar to the one being tried in the office will cost \$455.00, less a \$100 donation for the party from the dealer. It was decided that Earl Lee should go ahead and order this machine in the electric model as it seems to be satisfactory for our purposes.

Betty Edmondson gave a report on state reorganizational meeting. Wes Eckhardt, Ritzville and Joan Ralston, Walla Walla were elected to state executive board as representatives from the fourth congressional district. Betty Edmondson was appointed as secretary to the state central committee at this meeting. Jim commented on her appointment and congratulated her. Betty added that in this capacity she can't vote or speak unless asked.

Jim reported on the 4th Congressional Club re-organization meeting held in Richland January 22 at the Desert Inn. Jim mentioned that of reports given at this meeting, of special interest to Yakima was the Finance report. Of the \$43,910 paid into the 4th district fund, Yakima County provided \$20,996.03, which was 47.56% of its 1965-66 quota. Bob Brachtenbach was elected chairman of this group, Dr. Peter Brooks, Walla Walla, Vice chairman, Elinor Domaskin, Clarkston, secretary, and Ruby Dobbs, treasurer.

Cathy gave a report on YR activities. The Lincoln Day Banquet has been postponed. She was reporting for Steve Johnson, who was unable to attend. The YR's are sponsoring a get-together with Catherine May Feb. 15 at the Townhouse and have other activities in the planning stage, including the state convention in April.

Betty Edmondson reported on plans for the development of a political action calendar. Such a calendar would be of great aid in scheduling all important political activities and seeing that they are carried out in time. Should get together with district directors to plan such a calendar, to be posted in Headquarters.

Suzanne Conrad gave a report on precinct analysis. Precinct information needs to be brought up to date. Make up a current list of precinct workers and jobs they are willing to do. Will work out percentages of votes cast for Republicans in various precincts.

Jim Matson reported on his ideas. (1) Plans for development of Precinct Manuals. Need to develop one which will be easy to understand and use, set up on a calendar basis. List duties and responsibilities of precinct committeemen. (2) Finance. Appointed Alex Deccio as finance chairman. Should do fund raising on a drive basis, having perhaps two between now and next election period instead of a series of drives. Earl Lee suggested each district establish goal and have district directors suggest people for fund raising in their areas.

Motion was made that the past commitment of \$1000 be paid to the state central committee. Motion was seconded and passed.

(3) Publicity. Jim made it clear that as long as he was Central Committee chairman and at any Republican meeting of which he served as chairman, the press would be welcome. "We are not a secret organization and we can stand the light of day, as a matter of fact we welcome it." Jim suggested getting together with representatives of the news media to determine best way to get a story publicized which we consider important. Gene Tollofson suggested that when we appoint a publicity chairman that this person arrange such a meeting with the news representatives if desired. He also suggested that careful selection of a publicity chairman is important.

(4) Set meeting with District Directors to discuss work to be done in precincts. Sometime next week if possible. Develop Directors action calendar also.

(5) Want to think about having each board member keep a record of activities. Time spent on each particular job, how effective it was, how it was carried out -- to be of help in planning next year's activities and be of value to someone who has job next time, especially if they are inexperienced. Doug stated that this would be helpful in evaluating the particular activities carried out and be a guide for planning future activities of a similar nature.

Jim read letter from Bill Hooper in Ellensburg, regarding formation of some type of county chairmen's club to spread ideas on doing jobs more efficiently and to promote better communication between counties. This would be a state-wide club

Jim mentioned letter from Larry Robinson and read portions of it to the group. He said he mentioned it in order to get reaction of the group and hear ideas on development of a policy in responding to this type of situation. It seemed generally agreed that no set policy be established to cover all cases, that the goal of the central committee executive board is primarily to elect the ticket and raise money, not dictate to our representatives. Bob Brachtenbach said the central committee has no business making expressions on policy, that we elect men to represent us and if we don't approve of the way they do it, we don't reelect them. Jim said he will draft a letter to send to precinct committeemen advising them of their responsibilities as well as those of the executive board.

Betty Edmondson suggested that we need some publicity explaining the tax bill proposal. There was disagreement on this point. Should stay-out of this. Betty felt we should bear responsibility for clarifying the situation.

Jim will be going to Olympia Saturday for a state meeting of county central committee chairmen. He mentioned the citizens tax committee meeting to which he had been invited and said anyone wanting to attend in his place was welcome to do so.

Three precinct committeemen appointments were read which had been submitted by the district directors of the areas involved: They were Altine Dittmar, precinct #55; Cliff Bentley, Sunnyside Town #5; and Harold Baughman, Sunnyside Town #6.

It was mentioned that Mrs. Fred Palmer, Sr. had died and Jim suggested the board send an appropriate wreath.

Mrs. Rudolph Schmidt of the Yakima Women's Republican Club thanked the central committee for being invited to the meeting. She mentioned the reception that the club had given last Saturday for the senior citizens and reported on future projects which the club is planning including some function for the young group, for the ethnic groups, the new citizens. Mrs. Schmidt also mentioned the day at the Legislature which the club is planning for its membership for some time in early March.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Grimes,
Headquarters Secretary