

Montezuma County Republican Central Committee
Monthly General Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2014
Shiloh's Steakhouse, Cortez

- I. Called to order at 12:07 PM
 - a. Welcome – Please turn off cell phones or put them on vibrate
 - b. Invocation was led by John Shriner
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bruce Hartel

- II. Approve Minutes – Mark Knox moved to approve the minutes. Greg Black seconded. Motion passed.

- III. Treasurer's Report - \$882.57 in checking, \$100.54 in savings. Wanda submitted the most recent report to the state and we are up to date with our regulations there. John Shriner moved to approve the treasurer's report. Chuck Lurvey seconded. Motion passed.

- IV. Bills to be paid – There were no bills to be paid.

- V. Guest Ryan Call spoke:
 - a. Election recap: Republicans strides forward in the US and State. 23 states have full republican control.
 - b. Colorado challenge: Democrats controlled redistricting, which does affect results. J. Paul Brown is an example of an example of that, but he did win by 170 votes.
 - c. 2014 changes: raised over \$2.1 million compared to \$400 thousand in previous midterm election. Republicans had a vote advantage of 180K in early ballots. It was the first time since 1978 that an incumbent senator was defeated in Colorado. Republicans focused on getting other republicans out to vote. Knocked on 240,000 doors a week.
 - d. Unaffiliated voters outnumber republicans or democrats. We need to get them engaged. Colorado is known for ticket splitting and are a very independent minded state.
 - e. Pulling together as a party helped get Cory Gardner elected. We need to be engaged in our community year-round. Not just as we near an election.

- VI. Proposed Officer Dismissal Vote – Danny gave background information on Michael Boyd posting yard signs for Mike Steele on his property. Michael stated that his wife's name is also on the property deed and that she is not bound by this organization. Discussion ensued: Bruce Hartel stated it was a matter of loyalty for the party. John Shriner was glad it was being addressed. This has been going on for way to long in past elections. Chuck Lurvey stated that husbands can't tell their wives what to do. Debbie is an independent woman. Todd King stated that other people have been doing this. He was told by them that it was their spouse's sign. There is a deeper problem within leadership. State party has done the same thing. Jan Gardner stated it was not a new problem. Each officer group has tried to amend the bylaws to best reflect the current issues. Rosemarie Beall asked Danny to reread the bylaw pertaining to the issue. Danny read the bylaw and standing rule in question. Chuck Lurvey suggested we maybe change the bylaw. Adam Barnhurst stated that he feels there is a hole in the bylaw. Sherry Dyess stated that if you can't abide by the rules,

they should just step down until the end of the election. Jeannie Wilkin stated that this was a point that was very much emphasized in the classes for the caucuses and assembly. Sherry Wright called for the question. Greg Black made a motion for the removal of the precinct person. John Shriner seconded. There were 27 voting members in attendance. 18 votes needed for the motion to pass. RESULTS: 14 votes for removal, 12 votes against removal, 1 vote undecided. Motion fails.

- a. Danny Wilkin proposed a resolution to close the loophole in the current bylaw. Because it is a resolution it only needed a majority vote. Chuck Lurvey suggested we don't rush into anything and look at it in the bylaws. Karen Bohn moved for the following resolution: A resolution to censure the precinct committee person and resolve and direct that in the future there is an expectation that if the spouse of a precinct chair person is supporting a non-republican candidate in a contested race, the Republican precinct committee person is expected to demonstrate public support and display a Republican sign to help avoid the public perception of the precinct committee person support of a non-Republican candidate. Patti French seconded the resolution. Motion passed 13 votes for and 9 votes against.

VII. Old Business – no old business was discussed

VIII. New Business – no new business was discussed

IX. Reports and Comments

- Carol Tullis, Co. Clerk
- Sherry Dyess, Co. Treasurer
- Rosemarie Beall, President Rep Women
- Jan Gardner, President 4C Women
- Scott Davis, assessor-elect
- Kim Percell, clerk-elect
- James Lambert, commissioner-elect
- Steve Nowlin, sheriff-elect

X. Announcements

- a. Next Republican Women's Meeting, December 11, noon, Shiloh's Steakhouse
- b. Four Corner's Republican Women will meet December 16th at the Elks Lodge
- c. Next Central Committee Meeting will be January 8th at 5:30 at Shiloh's.
- d. Happy birthday to Wanda Martin!
- e. Swearing in of new county elected officials will be January 13th at 8:30 AM.

XI. Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 1:19 PM