

The Wyoming County Republican Committee met March 21, 2023 at the Moose Lodge, Tunkhannock. The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm by Davis Haire and Stacy Huber led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was via sign-in showing 19 members present plus many guests and friends. The February minutes with the correction of Cindy Adams' name were approved. Treasurer's report showed a main account balance of \$29,790.08 and debit card account balance of \$89.00. Motion was made by Suzanne Gilpin, second by Rick Wilbur, to transfer \$500 into the debit card account.

Old Business

- Davis updated news of the April 26 Capitol Bus Trip. To date only 30 sign ups of 55 needed so we will be reaching out to surrounding county GOP folks and the general public. All are encouraged to invite additional guests. Departure is 7am from the Triton Hose Co. Return at 6:30pm. Ashley Darby will be accepting check payments substituting for Becca McClain.
- Founders Day is June 24. A new volunteer is still needed to take responsibility.

New Business

- Davis expressed the need to plan Meet-n-Greet events for the local Republican candidates in various areas of the county. The locations of Monroe Township, Factoryville, and Black Walnut were called out. Members affiliated with those areas were tasked with scheduling dates, times, and venues. Tom Henry reported he had been contacted moments before the meeting that the Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce would hold a County Commissioner candidates' event on April 24 but it would include Dem candidates too.
- Davis again urged Committee members to embrace the notion of mail-in voting and early voting for themselves and fellow Republicans. He emphasized the importance of the judicial elections this cycle. Davis' work with the state GOP tasked with promoting mail-in voting has given us access to data collection to target low propensity voters most likely to fit the mail-in voter profile. Republican Committee Friend, Jim Reynolds, will be working with the Wyoming County Election office to identify them for outreach. In the fall of 2022, approx. 800 Wyoming County Republicans voted by mail. Our goal is to up that to 1100.
- A lively discussion of mail-in voting followed with many members contributing thoughtful opinions both pro and con. Commissioners Rick Wilbur and Tom Henry confidently assured the members about the safety of mail-in voting in our county sharing their personal involvement in the process. Sheila Donnelly shared updates on the outstanding fraud issues still plaguing PA. She encouraged members to visit www.electionfraud20.org for more details citing the research done by data analyst Seth Keshel. A grudging consensus emerged from the discussion: *the only way to get rid of mail-in ballots is mail-in ballots.*

Several candidates seeking election this year were present at the meeting. They were given opportunity to introduce themselves and say a few words. Those present were: Dennis Montross - register/recorder, Bob Roberts - sheriff, Ashley Darby - auditor, and Cindy Adams - prothonotary, Dave Plummer - Mag. Dist. Judge, Rick Wilbur, Tom Henry, and Lori Bennett - County Commissioners, and Bill Weidner - School Board.

A motion to pay for the meeting's venue was made by Marge Krause and seconded Gregg Yunko. Adjournment followed at 7:30pm. The next meeting will be April 18, 2023 at the Moose Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette Kitlan (substituting for Patti Mead)