

MINUTES FOR ALAMOSA COUNTY REPUBLICANS

March 21, 2019

Meeting called to order: The monthly Alamosa Republicans met at Juanito's on 6th Street, Alamosa, CO on March 21, 2019. The meeting was called to order by newly elected Chair Terry Hammond at 12:01 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Terry and recited by all.

Those Present: Chair Terry Hammond, Vice-chair Denise Witherspoon, Secretary Gary Goodwin, Treasurer John Adams, Amy McKinley, Joan Doudna, Jay Robinson, Susan Robinson, Rusty Johnson, County Commissioner Michael Yohn, Cindy Bervig, Alan McFadden, Carol Smead, and Vella Owens, thus making 14 in attendance.

Minutes: The minutes of February 4, 2019 were presented in printed form along with the current meeting agenda. After a review, with a motion and second by Rusty and Amy, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report: John gave the treasurer's report by stating our current balance of the Alamosa GOP bank statement is approximately \$1350 with several checks outstanding. Michael and Joan moved and seconded with the motion being approved.

Elected Official Report:

Alamosa County Treasurer Amy McKinley said this is a busy time of year with collection of property taxes. She is becoming acquainted with office employees and is in the process of taking care of the business of the Treasurer's Office.

Alamosa County Commissioner Yohn: The Commissioner's meeting of March 13th, saw the commissioners vote 2 to 1 in favor of declaring Alamosa County a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary County. The jail is still an ongoing upgrade project to be finished in 2 to 3 months. Centric is the new operator at the airport as a fixed based operation. Michael supports the petition process opposing some of the recent laws enacted by the Colorado majority democrat legislature.

Old Business:

An update for the Lincoln Day Dinner, to be sponsored this year by the Alamosa Republicans, will be held on April 23rd at the Alamosa Armory. Special speakers will be Senator Cory Gardner and Representative Scott Tipton. Specifics of the event are: a 5:30 Happy Hour, a special permit was received, Woody's BBQ will cater the meal with dinner being served at 6:30, and an auction will be held with Dale Adams doing the calling. Tickets are available at \$40 per ticket (\$20 for the meal and \$20 donation). By April 15th, unsold tickets, stubs, and money are to be returned to Amy.

The Alamosa GOP by-laws committee of Denise Witherspoon, Mike Yohn, and Rusty Johnson presented in written form the existing by-laws with the recommended changes shown in red. After Denise highlighted the proposed changes, the revised by-laws were ratified by the Alamosa Republican Committee with a motion and second by Cindy and John.

There was discussion of the Colorado State GOP Executive Committee candidates for State Chair, State Vice-Chair and State Secretary who are to be nominated and elected on March 30th at Englewood High School in Denver. Comments were expressed of strengths and weaknesses of some candidates. The Alamosa County GOP Executive Team will be attending the March meeting to cast their votes.

New Business:

Mark Smead of Mosca will assume responsibility for all Alamosa GOP social media sites, including our Webpage. There was discussion of ways to safely and properly do updates for the benefit of Alamosa Republican public members. The Alamosa Executive Team will meet with Mark to give direction to his work for our members.

In attendance was Cindy Bervig who will co-chair with Scott Honeycutt for precinct 8 in Alamosa County.

A clarification needed to be made concerning the signature card at 1st Southwest Bank regarding who is able to sign checks. By showing the by-laws and minutes stating the election results, the chair is allowed to sign checks for the GOP County Committee.

Discussion:

The CROP Hunger Walk is scheduled for Sunday, April 7, 2019. To participate, you may register to walk at Cole Park at 1:00 pm and begin the walk at 2:00 for the 3 hour trek.

Sue Robinson related that Attorney General Weiser has stated that any county sheriff in Colorado who will not enforce the newly enacted Red Flag law should resign his position.

A group from Iowa is campaigning nationwide to stand against Medicare for all. They urge everyone to send letters to editors and/or email elected officials opposing this issue.

Noted that KNUS station in Denver will air a forum on March 24th from 1:00 to 4:00, interviewing the three candidates for the State GOP Central Committee chair to be elected at the GOP State Reorganizational Meeting on April 30th.

Meeting Adjournment: Amy and Joan moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:45.

Minutes submitted by Gary Goodwin, Secretary