

MINUTES  
Coalition for a Conservative Majority of Colorado Springs  
21 Jul 09  
Austin Bluffs Evangelical Free Church  
Colorado Springs, CO

President Dan Lanotte called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Call to Order

A quorum was present. Quorum

Mike Chavez gave the Invocation. Invocation

Jim Morin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Pledge

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting 72 Juln 09 were adopted as published on CCM-COS web site. Minutes

The Treasurer's report was given. The new Treasurer is Ms Donna Landry. Treasurer

Vice President Brad Collins, reported the Judiciary Committee is up and Running, and doing well.

President, Dan Lanotte announced the members attending this meeting will discuss and vote on proposed changes to the CCM-COS By-Laws. Those changes are listed at the end of the minutes. Dan opened up discussions of a proposed changed to the structure of CCM-COS. Should CCM-COS continue as a Colorado Springs organization or should it expand to a statewide organization?

CCM-COS: All state CCM groups would operate separately with only unofficial cooperation. Each would file separately with the Colorado Secretary of State for state non-profit status.

Statewide Organization:

- Each CO chapter would have its own bank account and would establish itself as a non-profit for a \$50 fee.
- The establishment as a 501C4 organization is more expensive (\$300).
- Establish a statewide 501C4
- All chapters would fall under the one organization, contribute towards the \$300 fee and would be required to submit and audit of their organizational funds to the state level organization
- Committee formed with three members of the COS CCM and three members of the Denver CCM (currently only two active CO CCM organizations).

Questions/Comments:

Would there be separate officers for a statewide organization? With a large organization, there would be, but currently with only two proposed chapters, it isn't necessary

A statewide organization would help spread expenses among several chapters. It would be easier to bring in new chapters if they were not facing the expense of establishing a separate 501C4 status.

Cooperation among affiliated chapters is easier than with all independent organizations.

A straw poll was taken among the membership on whether or not to try to establish a statewide CCM organization. The majority of attending members approved the statewide organization proposal. A committee with members from the Denver and Colorado Springs groups will meet to discuss how to proceed.

Speakers:

Mike Chavez presented information he obtained when he attended a course sponsored by American Majority on activist training.

It was announced that on Wednesday, 26 Jul 09 there will be a healthcare rally in Acacia Park starting at 100.

Michelle Morin will conduct Twitter training at 1800 at Panera Bread restaurant on Powers and Carefree.

It was proposed those interested in the healthcare issue join in on a weekly telecom that will take place every Tuesday evening starting a 1900. Details of how to dial into the telecom will follow.

Announcements: The next regular meeting of CCM-COS will be held 4 Aug 09 at TREA.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Rita Allen, Secretary Coalition for a Conservative Majority of Colorado Springs

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES:

Article IV Membership, Section 2, para B, change officer to office - APPROVED

Article IV, Section 3, para B, item 1, change from absence of President to temporary absence of the President. APPROVED

Article II, Purpose change to include educate, mobilize conservative minded individuals.... DISAPPROVED

Article V, Section 2, Meetings, proposed changing quorum to consist of 10% of members in good standing. DISAPPROVED, remain with 30% of members in good standing.

Article V Meetings, Section 1, propose to change number of days required to notify membership of a special meeting from 10 days to 7 days. APPROVED.

Article III Membership, Section 3, Regular and student membership dues.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding dues for both students and regular members.

- A member's yearly membership would start when they paid rather than based upon the annual January start date. The membership database would keep track of when membership renewal would be required.
- Dues would be based on quarterly rather than monthly due dates.
- CCM-COS could offer six month memberships along with 12 month memberships.
- Memberships based on members start date rather than on January start date may cause some problems annual 501C4 audit required by the State.

Proposals:

\$52 / 12 month period

\$52 12 month period; \$26 for a 6-month period

\$50 for a one-year period pro-rated

Student fees were discussed. Some proposals were that students pay only \$10 or maybe not pay anything at all. At what ages should the student membership dues be considered (16-30)? Should this only apply to full time students only?

All changes to dues and dues collection was tabled and will be addressed by the executive board.