

CCM Meeting
March 2, 2010
Mason Jar Restaurant

Meeting called to order by Pres Brad Collins at 6:10
40 people in attendance. No quorum.

Invocation – Dave Skiver

Pledge of Allegiance – Pres Collins

President's report –

- Introduction of candidates and candidate representatives
- Peggy Littleton, Karen Cullen, Robin Coran (Ken Buck), Julie Ayers (Dan Maes)
- Introduction – The Constitutionalist Today staff
- Introduction of guest speakers: Jeff Wright, writer TCT; Al Maurer, TCT
- Tea Party inquiry from Colorado College
- March very busy month – many events. Time to step up and make a difference.
- March 6 Dan Maes' meet and greet; Candidate Search in Castle Rock
- March 9 Candidate debates at Mr. Biggs

Michelle's report –

- Candidate debate – four TV stations and Denver Post, Face the State will all be there. Suggest have debate again for general election.
- 33 Minutes movie screening at Stargazer Theater. CCM partnering with Richard Randall and American Café. Will have a panel of defense experts to do Q&A after the movie.
- Operation Avalanche – started with grass roots groups gathered in Dec. Need more expert input on OPAV
- Tea Party movement is grass roots movement. Colorado is a fishbowl what is happening across the country will happen here. (Motivational quotes)

Jeff Wright – Resolutions

- I'm not a constitutional expert, I'm a citizen
- State Constitutions – people should study it. It's used more than federal Constitution.

- Three state wide initiatives – limit property tax, Colorado tax reform, limit debt. Will put the teeth back in TABOR. Amendment 60 & 61. Initiative process has power.

Resolutions:

Caucus key parts – precinct leaders, delegates and resolutions submitted to start building party platform from ground up.

People - “Grass Shoots” young people try to get them into political process.

Platform – resolutions are in the caucus script.

- They are statements of intent followed by statements of resolve.
- Define problem in simple, succinct language.
- Resolve where voters should stop.
- Standard resolutions in precinct caucus
- Resolutions start in district, then county, then state
- Assemblies – go to state then party platform
- Resolution made by chair, move, motion carried, debated
- Can make amendments to resolution
- Passed resolutions go into packet and sent to GOP HQ
- Resolutions committee will be set up. Volunteer to get on committee list.
- County assembly can debate resolutions again.
- State assembly will debate. If they see a lot of support on the floor it will determine which ones are kept and which are thrown out.
- Resolutions are spontaneous, not coordinated. Packet needs to keep the key substance, doesn't need coordination.
- Resolutions are to fix the “statement of intent.” Ex: We don't like how the government is spending so much money. We want a resolution to that.
- Resolutions' ultimate goal is to go to party platform.
- Committee members – El Paso County is controlled. Submit letter to county party and state you want to be on resolutions committee. They may need to interview you.
- Party Platform – It's a document that describes the nature and intent of what the Republican candidates will do to drive the party forward.

Bruce Nozolino – Friends of NRA

Opening new range this year. Last year raised \$850,000, second in the nation. March 4, 5:30 meeting at PPFC. Last year raffle made \$5,000. This year selling calendars for \$50. Gun raffles twice a week.

Bob James – caucus gives candidates momentum. NEED PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT CANDIDATES!

Clem's Communications Report –

- Get on our email list.
- Will post resolution packet on caucus page online.
- We have precinct lists if you want them for walking your precinct.

- Platform should be litmus test for a Colorado conservative when it's done.
- Liberty Events.org – you can submit events
- Clear the Bench – Colorado has an activist Supreme Court; we want to get rid of them. They will be replaced by the new Republican governor!
- Important to elect good candidates and hold them accountable
- Planning a coordinated effort of a money bomb to candidates. Will show how many people are involved in conservative movements. Send donations to the candidate of your choice. Don't have date yet. Organized through OpAv and grass roots movement groups.

Mr. Chavez – Schools don't respect political parties because they have been left dirty after elections. Please clean them when you are done with caucus/elections!

Al Maurer – Tea Party

- Tea Party in Acacia Park last year April
- Grass Roots movement march in D.C. Federal Triangle was packed! An announcer said there were 700,000 people! I would say more like 2,000,000.
- It was the largest gathering of people in D.C. in history.
- What's it about? Limited government, free market and fiscal responsibility
- It's not about parties, not just another election cycle. It won't end in November.
- What do we need to do? Educate ourselves. Read history and understand it. Read blogs. Read the new media, the old one has betrayed us! Help educate others. Become activists for the cause of liberty. Be advocates for liberty in all you say and do. Support and vote for candidates who support our beliefs.

FOLLOW THROUGH!

Meeting Adjourned 7:52 p.m.