

Roane County Democratic Party Executive Committee's Meeting

Thursday, November 10, 2011

Call to Order: The executive committee meeting was called to order by Bob Cowan.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Duie Swicegood.

Pledge of Alliegance: immediately followed the invocation

Roll Call: Kat Moore called the roll. Bob Cowan, Steve and Annie Scarborough, Mary Ellen Blencoe, Kat and Tom Moore, Renee Kelley, Duie Swicegood, Babs and Rick Salley, Jack McNew, Dick Evans, and Celia Simon were in attendance. Steve Kelley, Brad Parish, Carrie Bradshaw, and Joe Swicegood were excused.

Minutes: Kat Moore read the minutes from the October executive committee meeting. There was a motion that was seconded and the minutes were approved.

Budget: Mary Ellen Blencoe reported on the current budget. There was a motion to approve the budget, which was seconded and agreed to.

Old Business

Special Events:

- Annie introduced that we form a committee to get speakers for special events.
- Four executive committee members volunteered to be on the committee: Steve S., Annie, Renee, and Mary Ellen.
- The name for the committee will be: Program Committee.
- Bob discussed the benefits of using the Roane State cafeteria as a setting for the speaker events.

Headquarters:

- Bob said that Mr. Caldwell has other parties interested in the headquarters building, but will let us use it in mid-January.

Jimmy Carter:

- Kat produced a letter for Duie to give to Jimmy Carter, inviting him to speak at the 2012 picnic.
- A group was formed go to see J.C. speak at Marantha Baptist Church in Plains, GA. Renee volunteered the use of her van, and she, Steve K., Duie, Dorothy Wheeler, Tom, Kat, and Wayne Jackson were selected to go.

Voter ID Petition:

- The petition packet was passed out and there was animated discussion:
 - Steve S. stated that the petition won't change the law, because Tennessee doesn't have a citizen initiative law. But we should use the petition to "raise a stink" about it, anyway.
 - There was confusion regarding which IDs would be needed to get a photo ID. After much contention, Celia suggested that those who have trouble getting a photo ID should contact Charles Hollway.

Meeting Adjourned.