

# Roane County Democratic Party Executive Committee's Meeting

Thursday, December 8, 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 Allegiance:** immediately followed the invocation.

**Roll Call:** Kat Moore called the roll. Bob Cowan, Mary Ellen Blencoe, Kat Moore, Renee and Steve Kelley, Brad Parish, Duie Swicegood, Carrie Barksdale, Babs and Rick Salley, and Jack McNew. Tom Moore was 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.

**Chairman's Opening Remarks:** Bob remarked that we don't yet have chairs for the Picnic and the Planning Committees. He intends to select new chairs in January.

To avoid disruptive and contentious meetings, Bob introduced rules of order for the executive committee meetings:

- Whether you agree or not, please respect the remarks and opinions of all members.
- Meetings will begin on time.
- Members must request permission of the chair before taking the floor to speak.
- Members who need to leave before the meeting is adjourned are requested to do so quietly, with a gesture.

## Old Business

**Voter ID Petition:** There was general discussion about the voter id law. Kat agreed to email the petition once more from the website. We will get together to work with the registration packet. We could do a registration drive at Roane State during the Christmas break.

**Headquarters:** Plans were made for the grand opening of the headquarters. Members are asked to increase their level of membership by making monthly payments to help cover expenses.

## New Business

**TN Democratic Chairs Association:** A motion was made and agreed to that the RCDP will donate \$500 to the TN Democratic Chairs Association for signs and literature to be printed. Each county is donating the same amount.

**Headquarters:** This year, we will have wireless internet. We will sell items such as buttons and bumper stickers. We will allow and assist OFA phone banking on premises.

**Committees:** Bob proposed the formation of a committee to produce an RCDP mission statement; and a committee to support "Made in USA."

**Letters to the Editor:** Brandon Putbrese contacted Bob about writing a letter to the *News Sentinel* about cutting the grocery tax. Bob and Brad are working on the letter.

We need someone to work on a "Made in USA" letter. We need to keep sending letters.

**Meeting Adjourned.**