

The Dec. 6, 2012 of the Benton county Republican BPOU opened at 7:00 P.M. at the St Cloud Airport. Present were Peter Minor, Clinton Wruck, Jim Sutton, Lawrence Johnson, Ron Baert, Jim Howe, Teresa Baert, and Judy Sommers with Justin Kowski and Gary Gross absent. Teresa B. led the invocation followed by the Pledge.

The minutes were approved after correcting Mike Scoville's name. Jim Howe presented the Treas.'s report, including specifics on the fundraiser.

We collected \$1014 with expenses of \$286.37. Net \$726.63. Although Rosella Dombowy could not attend, she will be sending a check for \$35. We had no expenses paid in Nov. Ron will get check to Carol Ruper for Victory Office expenses. Our Balance is \$1019.92. The report was approved.

We are starting a candidate search for our Feb. convention. Teresa will talk to

someone from Foley. Teresa B., Ron B., Peter M. and Judy S. will call delegates

and if necessary, Alternates to see if any are interested in running for the Board.

Karen Miller from M. Bachmann's office is also interested.

Jim Newberger arrived and said he knew some people who are anxious to get involved. He will get us the information. We opened the floor to him. He informed us Sherburne County is having their Convention Feb. 2. State Central will be meeting Dec.8. Dec. 12 at 7:30 there is an environmental hearing which was moved to Atwood Center because of the increased interest shown.

Peter M. obtained 200 business cards for our Web site for \$7. Paid tonight.

Jim S. will check out availability and cost for new Sauk Rapids' City Hall for the County Convention. We will try for Feb. 16 or 23. Lawrence J. will be the Temp. Chair. We will serve rolls, coffee, juice, and water. The convention cost will be determined by the cost of renting City Hall. Sen. Brown and Rep. Newberger will definitely be there. Invites will be sent to the other Reps. and Senators. Suggestions for speakers included Emmer and a local businessman affected by Gov't. spending, taxes, and regulations.

Jim S. will not be at Jan.'s meeting which will be Jan. 3 at the airport.
Meeting adjourned at 8:12P.M.