

The Nov. 1 Benton County BPOU meeting was called to order at the Bachmann Victory Office at 7:00 P.M.

Present were Peter Minor, Clinton Wruck, Teresa Baert, Ron Baert, Lawrence Johnson, Judy Sommers with guests Carol Rugar and Mike Scoville. Invocation by Judy Sommers was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Sec. report was approved.

Although Jim Howe was not able to attend the meeting, he sent a Treasurer's report. \$500 was returned from Sen. Peterson and Rep. Banaian. We sent an additional \$500 to Kurt Bills' campaign. Our balance is \$1019.92. The report was approved.

Carol Rugar gave a report on the Waite Park Victory office. She also submitted a bill for \$26.65 to cover cost for our BPOU for food for the CD6 debate invite. The motion to approve paying Carol passed.

Peter Minor will check out cost of Business cards for our web-site and has been approved to spend up to \$20. He will check out VISTAPrint where we may possibly get 200 free.

The "Octoberfest" was attended by 30 people including Legislators and candidates. We were not able to sell all the Auction items, however they did bring in \$269, \$65 going directly to King Banaian. We brought in over \$700 after expenses. Len Zylla, the speaker, received a standing ovation. Jim Howe will give a more accurate report at the next meeting of the amount raised.

The Waite Park office took in at least \$141 in donations. Motion was approved to let SD14, and SD13 keep the money since they did the majority of the work and covered most of the cost. There will be a reception at the Holiday Inn following the elections. Jim Newberger will host an appreciation party Nov. 19 in Becker.

Our BPOU Convention will be in March. We will elect a new board, officers, and State Central delegates.

A nominating committee will include Ron Baert and Judy Sommers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40.

Next months meeting will be Dec. 6.