

The Sept. 6th meeting of the Benton County BPOU was called to order at the St. Cloud Airport at 7:00 P.M.

Present were Peter Minor, Clinton Wruck, Jim Sutton, Ron Beart, Judy Sommers, Teresa Baert, and Lawrence Johnson.

Excused was Jim Howe. Absent were Gary Gross and Justin Kowski.

Jim Sutton gave the invocation followed by the Pledge.

The Sec.'s report for Aug. was approved after correcting spelling for Dombovy.

The Treas. was absent but we received an invoice from Jim Sutton for Fair Costs of \$12.84.

Ron will ask candidates at forum on Sept. 11 about need for donations.

A J Kern as well as 2-3 more members are needed to serve on the search committee for candidates to run for boards and other positions.

We are asked to keep ourselves aware and suggest persons or inquire around. Teresa B. said she would be interested in helping.

Paige Duncan's name was mentioned.

The web site page and calendar are up. (<http://bentoncountymnrepublicans.weebly.com>) It includes candidate pictures and info, Board member info., a constitution page.

Peter is working on the donations aspect and also requests info from board members for calendar activities and front page posts..

He has been able to do this at no cost to the Benton Co. BPOU.

After computing costs, Sd 14 will be billed \$301 toward Fair costs.

The Octoberfest is moved to Oct. 18th due to a double booking. The cost to us is \$7/person with beer and wine donated by Bernicks and Bob Fueling.

We will serve Lasagna with and without meat, breadsticks, and salad.

Ron will print up tickets. Judy will invite legislators and candidates.

Candidates' cost will be \$10, (free for M. Bachmann if she comes?), and \$35 for others.

We will again have music, the Century Players, speaker Lynn Zylla, and a Silent Auction (each board member to supply 3 items).

We decided to give \$225 to Sd14 toward cost of Victory office. We will deduct from their cost of Fair and request check for \$76.

SD 14 is having a social Sept. 14 at Victory Office with Century Players.

Jim Sutton will be having a fundraiser for Sen. Brown and Candidate Jim Newberger. Suggested cost is \$25.

Verified Rosella Dombovy will share our Fair booth next year.

Karen Miller was suggested as becoming a new board member (reminder that Justin will not run again).

Meeting adjourned at 8:40.

Next meeting Oct. 4 at airport.