



**Salt Lake County Republican Party
Central Committee Meeting
West High School
Thursday, September 17, 2009**

Call to Order: Chairman Thomas Wright began the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Prayer: Jay Brummett, Senate Chair 3

Pledge: Dana Dickson, Chair – Bylaws Committee

Officers present: Thomas Wright, Chair; Rick Votaw, Vice Chair (Excused); Kurtis Constantine, Secretary; Treasurer, (Vacant).

Adopt the Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Daniel Thatcher, Senate Chair 12, Seconded. Passed.

Approval of the Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of June 25, 2009 by Patti Florence, Past Secretary. Seconded. Passed.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Chair:

- 1) Treasurer Robert Wright has resigned for personal reasons. A special election for Treasurer will be held at the December County Central Committee Meeting to fill the vacancy. Chair thanked Mr. Wright for his years of dedicated service to the Party.
- 2) Precinct Walks: The walks have been exciting, fun, and well attended! The goal is to find Republicans and help them register to vote. The walk this month will be in West Jordan. Walks have been averaging 50 new registered voters in a given precinct. Early voting is the key to Republican victory.
- 3) Campaign School: Had about 30-40 potential candidates attend. Great training on how to run effective campaigns. Contact the Chair for more information about Campaign School.
- 4) Region 3 Rally at Merritt Medical: Chair thanked Julie Holbrook, Region 3 Chair, for her work to organize the event. Congressman Chaffetz attended and addressed about 200 attendees.
- 5) The December 3 CCM: Chair will reveal a plan for 2010. As part of this plan, the Chair will challenge each CC member to register 10 voters. More information to come.
- 6) Constitution Day Picnic on September 11th. Sponsored by Senator's Bennett and Hatch. Had about 300 – 400 people. Chair thanked Patti Florence for her time and effort to make the event a success. Event raised about \$5000 for the County.
- 7) Chair acknowledged the elected officials attending

Secretary:

- 1) Echoed Chairman Wright's sentiments regarding the success of the walk. People were very grateful to see the party active in their precinct.
- 2) County Party has a Twitter account: @SLCOGOP
- 3) Presenting a resolution tonight. Now is the time to put forward resolutions that communicate what it means to be a Republican.

Credential Report: Chair announced 169 credentialed members in attendance.

Utah Party Chair Report:

Dave Hansen addressed the body on the importance of carefully wording our message. Spoke to the absurdity of accusations that Republican opposition to President Obama is based on racism. Commended the Salt Lake County Party on the Precinct Walks.

Committee Reports

Bylaw Committee:

Dana Dickson has been elected Bylaws Committee Chair by acclamation.

Internet Committee: No Report.

Final Credential Report: Chair announced 189 credentialed members in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed Resolution on Federal Reserve:

RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

IN SUPPORT OF HR 1207 (THE FEDERAL RESERVE TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2009) AND ITS COMPANION BILL, S 604 (THE FEDERAL RESERVE SUNSHINE ACT OF 2009)

WHEREAS, we, as Members of the Salt Lake County Republican Party applaud transparency and accountability in government and reject government secrecy involving monetary policy that impacts the entire economy; and

WHEREAS, serious discussions of proposals to oversee and audit the Federal Reserve are long overdue; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Reserve can enter into agreements with foreign governments and foreign central banks and the United States Congress is prohibited from overseeing these agreements; and

WHEREAS, we, as Members of the Salt Lake County Republican Party, believe agreements made by the Federal Reserve with foreign powers and foreign banking institutions should be subject to Congressional oversight; and

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution, gives the United States Congress the authority to coin Money and regulate the value thereof; and

WHEREAS, auditing the Federal Reserve will allow Congress to assert its constitutional authority over monetary policy and help to protect the value of the United States dollar;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Members of the Salt Lake County Republican Party, in defense of the United States Constitution, STRONGLY URGE the members of the 111th United States Congress to support the Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2009 and its companion bill, the Federal Reserve Sunshine Act of 2009.

Submitted by: Kurtis Constantine, Thomas Wright, Rick Votaw, Robert Wright

Resolution was passed by the SLCo Executive Committee and recommended to the County Central Committee with unanimous consent on August 13, 2009.

Motion made by Mr. Constantine, Secretary, to adopt the resolution. Seconded. Passed.

Proposed Resolution on Reforming Social Security:

WHEREAS, our total unfunded obligations have reached \$56 trillion, dwarfing our national debt of \$11.5 trillion;

AND WHEREAS, Social Security represents nearly 25% of this unfunded obligation, amounting to more than \$13.6 trillion, exceeding even the obscene national debt;

AND WHEREAS, our Social Security system as now constituted will pay our more than it takes in within seven years and will be unable to meet its promises within 33 years, causing our young people to lose faith in the system;

AND WHEREAS, the consensus is that we cannot put our fiscal house in order unless we reform entitlement programs and that structural problems of Social Security are generally understood and are much less complicated than healthcare;

AND WHEREAS, our out-of-control fiscal policies have caused our creditors to question our ability to repay our debts, bond-rating agencies to review our AAA rating, our trading partners to propose discontinuing the dollar as the world's reserve currency, economists to question the long-range strength of the dollar, and our policy makers to view our \$452 billion interest burden with trepidation;

AND WHEREAS, our citizens are losing confidence in our economic system and in our government's will return our sanity to our fiscal management;

NOW THEREFORE, the Salt Lake County Republican Party pleads for Congressional action to reform Social Security in order to provide a secure retirement at a reasonable cost, to eliminate its structural deficit, and to maintain it as a social insurance program, not a welfare system.

To achieve these goals, excessive growth in initial benefits should be slowed by indexing to CPI rather than wages. Initial benefits and subsequent adjustments must be indexed for changes in longevity. To mitigate slower growth in benefits, the system must have more investable funds earning a higher rate of return. Ultimately, reform must reduce or eliminate the pyramid nature of the system resulting from pay-as-you-go, coupled with the declining ratio of workers to retirees.

Submitted by: Scot Wallace, Precinct 1436

Motion made by Mr. Wallace to adopt the resolution. Seconded. Failed.

Election for Senate District Chair 6:

Chair declared voting open at 8:18 PM. Chair closed voting at 8:25 PM.

David Pyne elected Senate District 6 Chair.

Senate District Breakouts.

Adjournment:

Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by Daniel Condor, Chair - Senate District 9. Without objection. Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 PM