

Minutes of Indian Hill Tea Party Meeting
February 8, 2010
Indian Hill Primary School Auditorium

Welcome

Jack Painter called the meeting to order. Approximately 178 people were in attendance.

He emphasized that our organization is not a political party and is non-partisan. We welcome democrat, republican and independent members from Indian Hill and surrounding areas. The Indian Hill Tea Party's key principles are Limited Government, Free Markets and the Rule of Law. Attendees were reminded to include an email address when signing in as tea party information will be sent to everyone via email.

Next meeting: March 15th, 7:30 pm, Indian Hill Primary School Auditorium (Note: we might have to switch to a bigger facility given our growing size. If so, the meeting notice will alert you to the change.)

Committee Reports

Communications (Conrad Neumann)- website is coming along and check the accuracy of your personal info at the sign in table.

Candidate Support (Susan Wisner)- mark your calendars for our first fundraising event for candidate Mike Wilson on February 25 hosted by Jack and Donna Painter. Everyone is welcome and the suggested donation is \$75. Email invitations have been sent and a second will be coming. She will be passing around a sign-up sheet for those who know they will be attending.

Jack reminded everyone that this fundraiser is not sponsored by the IH Tea Party but personally by Jack and Donna Painter.

Mike Wilson, founder of the Cincinnati Tea Party and a Springdale business manager, has entered the Republican primary for Connie Pillich's seat in the Ohio 28th district. He will be holding a Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, February 13th at the Wyoming Civic Center. The time is 10:00-11:30 am and everyone is invited to participate in the "question and answer" style format.

Precinct Organization (Barbara Holwadel)- heads up the Precinct Project with the goal of "getting out the vote" through a grass-roots effort of placing Tea Party backed *precinct executive* candidates on the Primary ballot on May 4. She encouraged members to sign up in the lobby to help with their precinct. The IH precinct executive candidates were introduced.

Guest Speakers (Kellie Peters)- reported that February 15th is the filing deadline for candidates and mark your calendars for March 21 – we will host a candidate's night for candidates running for the U.S. House of Representatives for the Second Congressional District. This is not a debate but each candidate will be introduced and will follow a question and answer format. A conservative organization named Coast is holding a candidate's for State candidates on Wednesday, March 24 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Pfeiffer Road. Candidates for Hamilton County Commissioner and 7th and 28th Ohio Senate Districts will speak. She encouraged members to attend both events.

For those who are interested Hillsdale College recently had 30,000 registrations for their on-line web cast seminar on *Reviving the Constitution*. Go to constitutiontownhall.com and watch for free.

Finance (Gary Hartman)- reported we have no money. The web site will be up and running soon. You can donate tonight as there are baskets in the lobby or the site will have a donation link.

Member Recruitment (Susan Holzapfel)- reported we had 197 members immediately before the meeting, and 40 new members signed up tonight. If you haven't signed in with your name and email, please do so.

Special Events - Possible Trip to Washington D.C. in August (Susan Holzapfel)- Her committee is gathering additional information re: the Washington D.C. trip on August 28.

New Business

Jack introduced special guests, Ron Alban and Dan Regenold. Ron and Dan spoke on the

grass root effort to end the Ohio Estate tax. They highlighted that Ohio is one of 20 states that collect an estate tax and any taxable estate above \$338,333 is hit. Ohio's estate tax drives away jobs, capital and people. A grass roots initiative campaign is underway to end Ohio's estate tax effective 12/31/12. Circulation of General Assembly petition is underway. After certification, the proposed law will be submitted to the General Assembly on 1/3/2011. If the General Assembly does not enact a law to end the estate tax, a Supplemental Petition will be circulated to put the issue on the November 2011 ballot. A petition was circulated and members were encouraged to assist with getting signatures of registered voters who live in their county by the March 15th meeting. You can learn more at www.endohioestatetax.com.

Presentations were then made by two additional guest speakers, Tim Burke (Chairman, Hamilton County Democratic Party) and Alex Triantafilou (Chairman, Hamilton County Republican Party). Dan Peters served as the moderator and each had 5 minutes to speak.

Tim Burke thanked the Tea Party for inviting him and admitted he is a liberal democrat but compliments anyone or any group who gets involved in the democratic process. He realistically sees little we can agree on. The two groups differ on the bounds of government and the amount of government spending. He pointed out positions of the Democratic party but believes that the bottom line is that an activist government is basically reacting to the needs of citizens which will result in a better nation for all.

Alex Triantafilou stated he had a very different message. He realizes that the Tea Party members are here because they are unhappy with both political parties. He believes that the Republican Party must return to conservative principles and put their faith back in the people. He expressed that the government has a role, but a limited role. He also recognizes that the Republican Party lost a lot of you and lost some of what it has stood for and hopes we can return to getting government out of our way. Parties speak through their candidates and the Hamilton County Republican Party is focused on a local grass roots effort to elect representatives that are more business friendly, return power back to the people and stand behind the conservative principles of the party. He also pointed out that the budget was deeply cut which forced Democrats and Republicans to work together and they cut another \$50M.

Final Remarks (Jack Painter)- Reminded us that each of us can make a difference and can help us return to our core principles. Jack shared a biographical piece on Thomas Paine and discussed our country's founding principles, including the idea of self-ownership and equal rights in the Declaration of Independence. He explained how these principles are under attack and gave some examples, including the proposed requirement to purchase health insurance and the government's arguments before the Supreme Court in the recent case involving the McCain Feingold Act. He concluded with his personal pledge and the Tea Party objective. If you are interested in Jack's remarks in their entirety please reference the Indian Hill Tea Party e-mail message dated 2/10/10.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Marcie Garrison-Longenecker
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