

Minutes of Indian Hill Tea Party Group

December 14, 2009

Jack Painter called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone including many new members. He reviewed the Indian Hill Tea Party key principles - limited government, free markets, and the rule of law. These are outlined in a summary Jack distributed to the group before the meeting. Send Jack an e-mail if you have any other ideas/suggestions.

Recent Activities

Recent activities included a meeting Jack attended on Saturday, December 12, of the advisory board of Ohio Liberty Council. The board is a network of 40-60 groups aligned with the Tea Party principles. They are all grassroots organizations with liberty-minded and conservative-valued members. A very impressive group of leaders!!!

Kevin Connor reported on a meeting he and a small group of people had with Newt Gingrich when Mr. Gingrich visited Cincinnati recently (It was the same day as President Obama's Job Summit in Washington.) Mr. Gingrich founded American Solutions and spoke about what is required to turn the country around. The key points included:

- We shouldn't be afraid to use the policies that worked for President Reagan.
- We don't need small changes. Instead, we need "profound" changes.
- It will take about 11 years to succeed.
- The only way to accomplish our goals is through grassroots organizations.
- We need to avoid the lure of a third party.

Kevin brought copies of a brochure on American Solutions. For more information, you can go to www.americansolutions.com/jobsfirst.

Committee Reports

Marsha Haberer and her committee have recruited another 25 members. Our total is 85 with 10 new at our meeting. Marsha asked everyone to help bring in new recruits or give her names and she will follow through. Marsha's email is mjhrags@fuse.net.

Karen Robichaud, our liaison to other Tea Party groups, will attend the Eastern Hills meeting on Dec. 15th and will report back to us at our next meeting.

Kellie Peters reviewed the committee charter for the Speakers Committee.

Susan Wisner and Eric Holzapfel discussed candidate support. The most important person to help get elected is Mike Wilson, who started the Tea Party in Cincinnati, one of the first in our country. Several members are interested in planning a fundraiser for him on February 25th. (This would be done by the members, not the IHTP.) They are considering having it at Kenwood Country Club (cash bar) but are aware of the need to

minimize the cost so Mike will get the most money possible from the event. If another venue is better for that, they will consider it. Eric is working on a fundraiser for Steve Chabot some time in March. The committee is also discussing the possibility of arranging events with Portman and Ganley to hear their views.

New Business

Precinct member project - Barbara Holwadel and Chris Littleton gave a presentation about the position of precinct member. Precinct members are elected at the precinct level for each party. They in turn elect the party's leadership, which decides which candidates to endorse. Truman felt the position of Precinct member was "the highest office in the land." It is voluntary and there is no pay. Neighbors elect you!! There are 690 Hamilton County voting precincts. The Indian Hill Tea Party would love to have our membership as precinct members for the eight Indian Hill precincts so we have like-minded people representing us. We're not trying to be a third party, and we don't want to take over either of the existing parties. Contact Barbara Holwadel for information (Psalm20@fuse.net).

Recruitment of committee members - We are still looking for Committee volunteers (communication materials, voter contact, special events, Tea Party store). Call Jack if you would be willing to work on a committee.

Other Topics

The decision was made to stick with our existing name – "Indian Hill Tea Party."

Jack will send out blind copies of our e-mails. If someone wants to send a blast email to the whole group, please send it to Jack, and he will distribute it.

If you are interested in joining the email list for the Cincinnati Tea Party, go to www.cincinnatiaparty.org and sign up.

Our next meeting is January, 11th at 7:30 p.m. (location to be determined).

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Marsha Haberer