

October Business Meeting

10/4/09

- Call to order 6:42 pm
- Guest Speakers
 - Sheila Weingberg-Institute for Truth in Accounting
 - We need fact-based budgeting
 - Cook County is \$2 billion in debt
 - Fighting to get the public to know the amount of debt in order to be able to hold the government accountable
 - Need Internet help/volunteers
 - Angel Garcia-Cook Co. Clerk Candidate
 - Will make sure “the dead stay dead” so that they don’t vote in Chicago elections
 - Dave Anderson-Running in the 19th District
 - It’s a winnable race
 - Volunteers needed to get signatures
 - If you know Republicans in your area please let him know so he can collect their signatures
- General
 - New location for business meetings will be the Cubby Bear
 - Need to revamp the CYR Constitution
 - Volunteers interested please let us know
- Finance/Fundraising
 - We should be pretty close to paying off the debt we incurred from the Membership Event
 - Advisory Board
 - People who have helped us out a lot whether in-kind or monetarily
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- Business Affairs-Jake Peterson
 - Trying to make contacts with Republican-minded businesses and business people
 - If you know people who would like to get on board please let Jake know
 - We will have a web-page dedicated to these businesses
- Political Action Committee
 - The format for the meetings will be changing
 - Maybe have speakers for part of the meeting but the focus will be on getting out and actively helping with something political
 - Meetings will be on Tuesdays
 - Locations will change depending on what part of town they will be working in
 - Member-only dinners
 - Many coming up so pay attention to the weekly e-mails
- Events
 - Cook Co. Convention

- About 500 people showed up
 - Event was successful
 - The CYR after-party was a success
 - Dinner with Governor Daniels
 - RNC Young Eagles
 - Looking into making a yearly donation to the CYRs
 - Cubs game w/ Congressman Schock
 - Upcoming Events
 - CYR happy hour Wed 10/21
 - Convenient location in the West Loop w/ parking
 - United Republican dinner w/ Michelle Malkin
 - Thurs 10/22
 - Tickets are \$120 for CYRs (special rate)
 - CYR Halloween Party Fri 10/30
 - Costumes highly encouraged
 - Will be at the Stretch
 - North Halsted Halloween Parade
 - Sat 10/31
 - Madhatters tea party theme
 - IL YR Convention
 - Sat 11/07
 - Will be in Bolingbrook
 - Grand New Party w/ McCormick Foundation
 - Thurs 11/12
 - CYR Holiday Party
 - We will be getting an event committee together
 - Location suggestions welcome
- Philanthropic
 - Chicago Marathon volunteers needed
 - Volunteers will get nice jackets
- Membership
 - Averaging about one new member per day for the past 3 months
 - Membership will go up to \$35
- College outreach
 - Doing flag football for a non-drinking event
 - Sat 10/24 tentative for the event
 - Looking for a date for a bon fire
- Communications
 - We need a response team that would be easily accessible to provide a Young Republicans perspective on political issues and events
 - We highly encourage bilingual people to participate
- Multimedia
 - We have new podcasts up
 - Recent speeches are up
 - If you have ideas for new podcasts please contact Theresa O'Leary

- Technology
 - Some Internet upgrades are in progress
 - We need more bloggers
- Break up into committee groups
- End at 8:10