

Parke County Non-Partisan
Committee on Political Education
Association
February 19, 2009

Subject: Meeting Minutes – February 14th, 2009

On February 14th, 2009, a meeting of the Parke County Non-Partisan Committee on Political Education Association Executive Board was held in the Extension Service Conference Room at the 4H Fairgrounds in Rockville. The attendees were as follows: John Anderson, Dave Burns, Chuck Davis, Don Gardner, Dixie & Cliff Kunze, Chris Marsolf, Jim Meece, Mark Spelbring, Jim St. Clair, Merrill Thompson

The purpose of the meeting was to continue the review and develop revisions to the Organization, and continue development of the 2009 Agenda.

The Minutes of the January 10th meeting were reviewed and approved by the attendees.

Chris Marsolf gave a Treasurers report as follows: The current balance of funds is \$152.20. We collected \$64.00 in donations at the last presentation meeting on January 24th.

Dissolution of the Old Corporation that was registered with the State will proceed by simply letting the registration expire. A letter was sent to the Indiana Secretary of State informing him that we planned to proceed this way. We received a letter back stating that if we had no corporate expense of income issues that this approach would be acceptable to the State. This matter is considered closed at this time.

Chris reported that the old Corporate Bank Account has been closed. The Association is now working on a cash basis.

I reported that we have not registered our organizations name with the County Recorder as follows: Parke County Non-Partisan Committee on Political Education Association. The Association was added to the name to support on non-profit position.

The new Code of By-Laws was reviewed and revised per recommendations of the attendees. An updated copy is attached to these minutes.

It is planned to elect the new Board Members at the next General Membership Meeting on March 14th. The meeting will be held at the IVY Tech Center in Rockville. Notices will be sent out.

In order to solicit new members to the General Membership I said that I would prepare a letter to the citizens who have attended our Presentation Meetings in the past asking them to join us as active members of COPE. The letter will explain our change of organization and our desire to use their expertise in providing new ideas for Educational Programs.

To follow-up on this item, I developed the letter and sent it out to the E-mail list of record on February 17th. A copy of this letter is attached. I plan to send further meeting notices and even some specific notes to addressees who have participated in our Programs in the past.

We next discussed the 2009 Agenda.

- Chuck Davis reported that he had talked with Derek Redelman concerning his presentation on the State Education Plans. He said that Derek would be interested in an evening meeting during the week in May. Chuck said that he would offer the dates of May 05, May 12, and May 19th as possibilities to Derek. It was generally agreed that the interest in this subject would be great enough to use the Ritz Theater for a meeting location. Once a date has been confirmed, Jim Meece has offered to arrange the usage of the Ritz.
- Dave Burns reported that he has all the financial reports from the County Trustees to support his study of consolidation. He stated that he would be ready to present the results of his study by April. A Presentation Meeting will be scheduled as soon as the report is complete.
- Mark Spelbring is still working on contacting Governor Kernan for a report on Local Government Reform. He will report again at the March 14th Meeting.
- A status report on the Parke County Comprehensive Plan is being requested from the working committee by Mark Spelbring. The status of this request will be provided at the March 14th meeting.
- Mike Strack has scheduled George Nicholas to discuss Solid Waste Handling Plans in Parke County on April 25th. This meeting will be held in the Extension Service Conference Room at the 4H Fairgrounds. Meeting notices and a press release will be sent out in late March or early April. Good work Mike!!!

The next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for March 14th at the IVY Tech Learning Center in Rockville. The meeting is scheduled for 9:00am until 1:00am. Meeting notices have been sent out, and will be resent as we get closer to the meeting date. The main purpose of this meeting will be to solicit new General Members and elect our new Board of Directors.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Chuck Davis @ 10:50am.

John Anderson

Chairman – Parke County COPE