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Meeting Minutes for May 18, 2023

Godfather's Pizza 832 S Ingram Mill Rd, Springfield, Mo
6:30 PM

Michelle Herring opened our May 18th meeting with a prayer for guidance, followed by the Pledge led by Karen Wickersham. Michelle then welcomed new attendees, asking that everyone sign-in.

Why sign-in?

- So we can provide each attendee with information from meetings and future events.
- Members are required to attend at least 50% of the meetings each year to be able to vote or run for office.

Welcome to our new members:

- Jason Lawrence, as of our April Meeting
- Katie Pankiewicz, as of this meeting

Kristen then led a review of Our Mission Statement, which can be found at:

<https://wethepeopleofmissouri.org>.

Karen reviewed the current Treasurer's report, noting that membership is only \$15/year – a small price to join others in guarding our constitutionally-based freedoms. Of this, \$5 goes to the WtP State-level treasury and \$10 is left for our local Chapter's expenses (such as post-election watch parties, flyers, fundraising, etc.)

Michelle provided the secretarial update. Meeting minutes and agendas are being updated to our website (*see above*), under the Greene County link and monthly meetings are on the Greene County calendar. Upcoming events for multiple regional groups including ours, can also be found on the TeamReach calendar, along with any training opportunities. For help installing or using this calendar software, see Cary Wells, Thom Taylor or Michelle.

Upcoming events:

- Patriot Breakfast – every Friday morning from 6 – 9 AM at Scramblers (National & Republic Rd). This is an awesome opportunity to meet fellow patriots as well as many of our conservative representatives.
- A Constitutional Legislative Review is being held each Wednesday at The Godfather's Pizza in Battlefield from 6 – 7 PM. Learn how to use the legislative webpages and about our Missouri State Constitution.
- Grassroots Training Level II is being held June 10th from 9 AM – 4 PM at the Pasta Express on W. Republic Rd. Learn how to mobilize your grassroots effort(s) from A to Z. Training is free and includes a continental breakfast, snacks, lunch and afternoon refreshments.
Please Register at <https://action.americansforprosperityfoundation.org/Events/afpf-mo-grassroots-mobilizer-certification-training-springfield-mo>

For more information and events, see the TeamReach calendar(s).

Angelique Chaverri provided a Legislative Update, with the following highlights from a session that

was defined as a “dumpster fire”.

- House Rules Change was a fight that would allow bills that are currently being blocked by the untrustworthy Speaker and floor leader, to be heard. This effort failed but it brought to light for everyone the dire need for change by the end of this Session.
 - Certificate of Need – to get rid of Gov committee that decides when and where a hospital can be built, if a medical facility can purchase equipment in excess of \$1M, or whether it can expand existing facilities (including long term care). Groups outside of the existing mega-medical organizations (such as Cox and Mercy) are being blocked. The speaker of the house stopped this legislative effort.
 - Election Integrity – nothing was accomplished.
 - Stop School Choice – Two WtP meetings (January & February) were held to review the impacts of school choice legislation, especially on the homeschooling parents. Leadership had 7 different bills in an attempt to diffuse the issue meaning all 7 had to be reviewed for the full impact. In the last week of the session, we found we’d stopped a really bad school choice bill that would have created a different class of homeschool students (known as FLEX schoolers) who would be allowed to participate in public school sports. The rules for the current school choice program were written by the state treasurer and can only be used for a brank of workbooks purchased at Walmart or a monthly activity kit. We believe these efforts are reflective of the UN’s Agenda 2030 with the goal of taking control of the global education system so that every child receives the same education directed by UNESCO.
 - HB1169 in support of CBDC (central bank digital currency) – defeated
 - Gold & Silver Currency in Mo (Eigel) – The Senate passed this but the House failed to vote on it.
 - Two good pieces of legislation, which should be signed by the Governor
 - SB447 – To stop Transgender therapy for children (Moon) – passed, but it sunsets in 4 years
 - Bill to keep biological men out of women’s sports – passed
 - HB447 – This is one bad piece of legislation (*Bishop Davidson supported*) which allows non-profits not teach “family & health education” in schools at all grade levels. Just to note: **The Missouri constitution stipulates you cannot change a bill from its original intent**, so...
 - The original bill was to change the 4 required adult high schools (for residents over 21 years old) to 5 adult HS’s in Mo to serve an additional undeserved area (Jackson Co).
 - Then in the Senate, a revision was made to move the management of these high schools to a non-profit organization.
 - Another subsequent version connected these high schools to the foster care system.
 - On the Senate floor it was substituted, with an addition of a sex education requirement in grades 9 thru 12 that is tied to the school’s accreditation. Jill Carter tried to get the bill pulled at this point, but....
 - Amendments were added in the Senate to include all residential facilities.
 - A final version removed the word ADULT and added early childhood education services (preschoolers) to the mix. (*This is a CDC mandate and Planned Parenthood ironically has the materials ready to shove into the school system.*)
- Bottom line, this bill totally violates the Missouri Constitution in its construct.
- Initiative Petition Reform – This was an attempt to stop the St Louis and KC areas from forcing the rest of the state to accept their ballot initiatives (such as Amendment 3 in Nov 2022), more often than not, by using non-resident PAID canvassers to get the required petition signatures. Going into highly populated liberal areas for signatures is much easier but leaves more rural communities without any say. The goal of this bill was to provide more signature

representation on petitions across the entire state, but leadership tanked it. The result is that there will now be a push to get abortion back on the ballot as well as gun control measures and Ranked Choice Voting.

- Just to note, Washington U in St Louis is where abortion techniques and transgender surgeries for children are taught. Via the Right Path PAC (BAD, BAD, BAD), that university is pushing put abortion back in Mo. It's all about the money.

Thank You Angelique for your thorough recap of the Jeff City legislative session!

Next topic...

A "Family Friendly" Drag Queen show is scheduled for June 10th *on the Springfield Public Square* as a part of the Pride Fest parade and celebration!! Several drag shows are on that schedule with short "family friendly" events sandwiched between at the same location.

The purpose – *to attract and groom children.*

A list of this event's sponsors is documented on the ozarkspridefest.com website. We highly encourage each of you to look at this list of sponsors and STOP doing business with them. To further note, several city government agencies are sponsors, which means your tax dollars are being used to pay for the event.

Did you know that Canada has made it illegal to speak out against these events, punishable with large fines and/or imprisonment? Is this *our* future???? Rick Brattin (R Senator District 31) was able to stop a similar event in Warrensburg but will our leadership do so in Springfield??? The direction to be taken against these dark forces remains to be defined. For WtP Greene Co members, our Signal Channel will contain information. For non-members, our WtP FB and Websites will keep you updated. Stay tuned concerning this attempt to further divide us and our way of life.

Our Keynote Speaker...

Calvin Morrow (*Christians United for Political Action*) provided us with much needed information as to what is going on with the churches in Springfield, what is being done to engage them and how we can help with this effort. After listening to Obama quote Karl Marx, Calvin began CUPA in 2010 with the goal of getting the churches involved in the "public square". The big question was/is "What scripture are they using to be silent... to not get involved?" as there is none. A big push in 2015 by outside forces occurred with the purpose of indoctrinating churches so they would not be involved. It was a full-frontal assault to embarrass the churches. The fight at that time was slimly won via God's grace with donations and door knockers from David Barton (Wall Builders) educating the public. None of the 5 largest churches wanted to be involved in the fight until John Lindell stood up and said "I'm In." Thirty to forty churches then joined the battle.

We lost the school election in April by just 274 votes but would have won had the churches been involved. Any argument not to get involved and risk losing the 501c3 tax status is simply a false, untrue excuse. Calvin's current actions include a meeting on 5/23 with a group of 20-25 pastors. The goal will be to work with this core group to recruit other pastors thus enlarging their voice, much like the waves when tossing a rock onto a smooth pond. The problem has been that pastors don't seem to come together in Springfield due to a lack of leadership. That lack of direction is ending.

Calvin reminded us that if the church is silent, God is silent. We can't wait for the next election cycle. We must start now. The current group of active churches in Springfield is liberal. It includes the pastor of the Brentwood Church who is a card-carrying communist. This group of proclaimed Christians refuses to quote scripture to explain their actions and five of them are Pride Fest sponsors.

A review of the Liberty Counsel document (*see the PDF sent with these meeting minutes or go to the WtP Website under the Greene Co link to view*) defines what both Pastors and Churches can and can't do, giving the churches some legal muscle. The dirty secret is that no church has ever lost its 501c3 status. Why? Because those in power do not want a court case – a loss would unleash thousands of churches, enabling them to speak out. Calvin suggested giving the Liberty Counsel document to your

pastor(s) and to let him/them know other pastors are coming together so no one is in this battle alone. In conjunction with the Liberty Counsel document, Calvin provided and reviewed a list of what we CAN do to assist in this movement (see Page 6). There are numerous ways but most of all we need to be vocal – speak-out.

Thank You, Calvin, for your most timely words and insight. These minutes don't do justice to the depth of the message presented. For those of you who were not able to attend this evening, please take the next opportunity you might have to hear Calvin speak.

Following Calvin's presentation, Dennis Wubenna made a great suggestion that a short video be made to stimulate discussions within smaller church groups, especially among the older congregants. So many have no understanding as to the severity of this threat and the lack of church involvement. If someone would be willing to help with this, please contact Calvin, Michelle or Dianne Ely.

Along this same thought, Calvary Bible Church will begin a 12-week biblical citizenship class beginning in July, led by Angela Romine. Please contact her for more information and how to enroll. Cherry Street Baptist Church is also engaged in this fight because its pastor is unafraid. In parallel, Dianne Ely has multiple task forces moving forward. Katie Pankiewicz will discuss this at our June meeting.

Karen Wickersham noted The Sound of Freedom movie with Jim Caviezel, concerning child trafficking, to be released after a two year struggle to do so, on the 4th of July. It's viewer funded and filmed by Angel Studios (who also provided us with The Chosen). The goal is to pre-sell two-million tickets for the July 4th showing in memory of the two-million children that go missing each year. Please purchase tickets via Angel.com. AMC Theaters is where it will be shown. In conjunction with this discussion, it was noted there's a local group in Springfield called Stand Against Trafficking that meets monthly. If you have more information on this, please contact Michelle who will share it with our Chapter.

After one-hour and forty-five minutes, the meeting was adjourned by Michelle, with 23 in attendance.

Our next meeting will be:

- On **6/15/23**
- Time **6:30 PM** (*but come early and enjoy a bite to eat*)
- Location- **Godfather's Pizza** (1832 S Ingram Mill Rd, Springfield)

An agenda will be distributed before the 15th. We hope to see you there!

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Herring, Secretary

What Pastors can do to bring salt and light to your city government.

Presented by Calvin Morrow

Notations in *red* were added during the meeting

Christians Uniting for Political Action (CUPA) is partnering with local churches to assist them in practical ways to bring change to your city.

1. Enlarge the voice of the Church in Springfield by recruiting other pastors.
2. We need to be vocal and visible. Recapture the narrative. It is imperative that we defend the things that need defending and be proactive as we move forward. (For a first action, I'm suggesting that we respond to the request for the city to affirm the LGBTQ community. The second possibility is to address the city sponsored Drag shows for families including children during Pride Fest. We should draft a letter with pastor's signatures. This letter should be sent to the city council requesting affirmation of their largest single demographic, have a press release, and published on various platforms.)
3. Speak to the school board regarding sexualizing and radicalizing children with race-based teaching.
4. Inform you congregation about the important issues in the community. (We will provide updates for pastors to keep their

- congregation informed.)
5. Teach Biblical Citizenship classes. (We can assist in this effort.)
 6. Equip parents to equip their children. (We will provide pamphlets/training guides to help parents prepare their children.)
 7. Engage in voter registration and encourage voting. It would be effective to conduct two voter registration drives a year. Our vote is our Voice!? God gave it! *This would be twice a year in every church.*
 8. Hand-out voter guides. (We do diligent research on all issues and candidates are named, and will provide voter guides.)
 9. Host issue-based townhall meetings. (We can provide informational and educational tools when needed.) *Churches need to hold these meetings.*
 10. Christian Citizenship classes. (We have resources available.)
 11. Support after-school Christian clubs. Partner with First Priority *(after-school Christian clubs)* for middle and high schools.
 12. We know pastors are busy and we do not want to add to your load. We are prepared to help in any way possible. We can work with a liaison from your church. Appoint someone to represent and assist you in these efforts if needed.