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County

Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2023

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

Gene Smith opened our April 20th meeting with a prayer for guidance, followed by the Pledge led by Kristen Smith. Cary Wells welcomed new attendees, asking that everyone sign-in.

Why sign-in?

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

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

<https://wethepeopleofmissouri.org>.

Karen Wickersham reviewed the current Treasurer's report. After paying for the watch party, we have \$130 on-hand. Membership is \$15/year – a small price to join others in guarding our constitutionally-based freedoms.

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

Cary noted an upcoming effort to recap the April 4th election “lessons learned” and then did a quick recap of his trip to Jeff City on the 19th as well as the state of other current legislation.

Karen W explained one way to keep track of the state-level legislation is via Twitter. No account is needed. Simply perform a search for **#moleg** and you can see what legislation is coming up as well as any related blogs. Discussion was focused on HB1169 (introduced by Holly Jones) for food labeling. Why the concern? The fact that mRNA-based vaxes for beef are being introduced and the consumer will not be aware of its use unless disclosed. Our fight for honest food labeling made national news but failed to pass the Emerging Issues Committee in a 10 to 4 vote. The Missouri Cattlemen Assoc didn't support HB1169. Why? Big pharma (Bayer – which was originally Monsanto) bribed ranchers to accept the mRNA vax. This is another “follow the money” situation. For more information on the HB1169 debate, see **Tom Renz.com**. We've asked for a list of those who voted against 1169 and it will be posted in both Signal and on our We the People website.

Jill Carter is no longer pushing her education bill as she will not be able to get it to pass. Both Dean Ploecher (Speaker of the House) and Caleb Rowden (Senate President Pro Tem) decide

what will be heard and they are blocking the education bill. The democrats are thrilled. It was noted that *Republican leadership is the problem*. The old-guard and the wealthy elites in our party are in lockstep with the democrats. We have some very solid conservatives in Jeff City, but no support from the any leadership. Parson is not a leader - he was simply placed there and only acts if he is facing some negative publicity.

KEY -- Missouri is controlled by the lobbyists in Jefferson City.

Sophie Shore was the campaign manager for both Mike Moon and Jill Carter and as we know, those campaigns were successful in beating incumbents. The voters chose who they want to represent them so why are they being oppressed in Jeff City? Because neither Senator is a part of the “establishment”, so neither is given much support. With this in mind, we need to push for a leadership change in Jeff City and the best place to start is at the top by focusing on the Gubernatorial and Attorney General races in 2024. While WtP doesn’t endorse candidates nothing prevents us from supporting them. A lively, informative discussion followed with the main theme focused on fixing the mess our Missouri education system is in. The children ARE our future.

One point that was made – Someone in a recorded statement at a watch party for the liberal side of the education megaplex in Springfield on April 4th said that when it comes to the school board in this town, you will not win unless MSU is behind the candidate.

Now why would we want a self-serving entity (MSU) determining who is on our public school board?

Answer à Just look where the graduating MSU teachers are dumped. Yes, in Springfield, along with coaches (expensive coaches) in each school to teach the new teachers how to teach. The Springfield school system has an understanding with MSU to take its graduates even though these graduates are sub-par as compared to graduates of Evangel. On-going job coaching to be able to teach?? More wasted tax dollars, children are still at risk and the side-hustles going on by those who are in these positions of influence, continue.

We MUST educate the public and we must resume this education NOW.

It was suggested we listen to Vivik Ramaswamy’s interview with Mark Ousley (who wants to make education un-woke) on the subject of autocratic dictatorship and its take-over of the education system/school boards. Also watch Vivik’s interview with James Lindsey on school choice. In Missouri, they’re trying to keep the ESAs inaccessible to parochial schools. Now, who contributes to the ESA’s? Corporations who want to control the woke message with the Lobbyists in control of all of this. Links and supporting information on this subject will be posted on Signal, under the **WTP Greene** group. If you are not on our WtP Greene Signal channel, please contact Cary on [417 569-9265](tel:4175699265)

Tom Taylor noted:

- Grassroots Training Level 1 is being offered in Joplin (4/29) and Reeds Spring (5/6).
Please see the **TeamReach** calendar. This training provides methods for growing our movement. *UPDATE: The 5/6 training was cancelled due to insufficient sign-up.*
- Grassroots Training Level 2 is Scheduled for June 10th. Approximately 75 attended Level 1 in January. From 9 AM until 4 PM at West Pasta Express (3025 W Republic Road) on 6/10, Level 2 stands to be even better.
 - Please see the TeamReach calendar for the “417 Patriot Groups Public” group on 6/10/23 for the link to register for this free training (which includes a continental breakfast and lunch).
- There are 27 boards in Springfield currently being run by quite often unqualified,

inexperienced (very young) individuals, spending millions of dollars. No one is watchdogging these boards. We must engage or lose it all.

- The other training that is highly suggested is the FACL (Foundation for the Advancement of Conservative Learning) series on Campaign organization and management. We can't stop it unless we get involved. **Get Trained!! Grow the Grassroots effort!!**

Just to note:

The next upcoming election is in April 2024 for School Board (*concerns noted about the 5 Central Polling locations*). No known City Council seats are open and there's no scheduled election in August 2024.

Evaluation of the April 4th election results show that "we" won in the North side of Springfield as well as the South, East and West. So where did we lose? We lost in the MSU, Drury, Downtown/Square area where college students are prevalent. Both women who won are part of the MSU megaplex. Because of this, in preparation for next year, a request has been submitted to Jay Ashcroft to prevent temporary college students (*such as those living in dorms, who ARE being canvassed on campus to register in Springfield*) from registering and voting any place except their own hometown (for example via absentee ballot), especially in municipal elections. Why is this an issue? There's a problem when temporary, inexperienced college students define the future for permanent, tax-paying residents. Oh and yes, Ballot harvesting did occur.

After one-hour and fifty-five minutes, the meeting was adjourned by Cary, with 19 in attendance.

Our next meeting will be:

- On **5/18/23**
- 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 18th.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Herring, Secretary

Minutes approved by a vote of the Steering Committee