Central Committee Meeting Agenda
9/14/24 – 9:00 AM
Spanish Fork High School

Call to Order
Prayer – Glen Sjobert
Pledge – Melissa Clark
National Anthem – Lisa Commings

Platform Plank Reading – Craig Faux
The United States of America is a Compound Constitutional Republic based on the rule of law, representatives elected by sovereign citizens to exercise authority on their behalf, and a system of internal and external checks and balances.

Jason Chaffetz addressed the committee

Resigned County Commissioner Tom Sakievich was presented with an award of appreciation.

Parliamentary Tips – Kirby Glad – See slides below

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes for 2/17/24 – approved without correction
Approval of Minutes for 4/20/24 – approved without correction

Stan Jenson raised a point of order that the bylaw proposal he had submitted was not listed on the informational agenda and it should be considered.

The chair ruled this is out of order and asked the parliamentarian to explain.

The parliamentarian explained that article one required the bylaw to be considered by the C&B committee and Executive Committee after which it is presented to the Central Committee, and there is no time limit for this unless the signatures of 50 Central Committee members is submitted.

Lowell Nelson raised a parliamentary enquiry on the meaning of "consideration", if the EC postponed the proposal without making a recommendation does that constitute "consideration". The chair advised that consideration is ongoing until final disposition.

Officer Reports:
Chair - Cristy Henshaw – See slides below

Vice Chair - Charles Wood
Podcast (current and upcoming) email suggestions

Secretary- Kirby Glad – See slides below

Recommended approval of appointments
Outreach committee was formed by the Steering Committee, working on making the platform available in Spanish.

Bylaws on endorsing non-Republican Candidates was reviewed. Party officers may not publicly endorse a non-Republican candidate

Process for Platform Amendments was reviewed.

Treasurer - Mark Cluff (excused for illness, report delivered by Kirby Glad)
See slide for 2024 budget report

2025 Budget was presented and recommended for approval

2025 Budget

Starting Balance	2025	2024
Estimated Start Balance	40,000.00	41,307.77
INCOME		
Lincoln Day Dinner	30,000.00	30,000.00
County Meetings	1,500.00	1,500.00
Convention	5,000.00	2,500.00
Precinct Caucus Donations	-	5,000.00
General Donations (Uncategorized)	5,000.00	5,000.00
Elephant Soceity	5,000.00	3,600.00
Bank Interest	70.00	36.00
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	46,570.00	47,636.00
Balance before expenses	86,570.00	88,943.77
EXPENSE		
2024 Candidate Support	-	5,000.00
Central Committee Meetings	5,000.00	2,500.00
Committee Support	1,000.00	2,500.00
Other Outreach	2,500.00	2,500.00
Convention	15,000.00	5,000.00
Precinct Caucus Expenses	15,000.00	15,000.00
Discretionary Expenses	2,000.00	500.00
Education & Training	1,000.00	3,000.00
Events (Picnic, Concert, etc)	1,000.00	3,000.00
Legal Counsel	-	-
Legislative Districts	1,400.00	1,625.00
Lincoln Day Dinner	15,000.00	15,000.00
Rallies/Meet the Candidates	-	2,000.00
Financial Review (Biennial)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Technology (Audio/Visual, Hosting & Development)	4,000.00	4,000.00
Other Monthly Expenses (Storage Unit, email service, etc)	6,000.00	3,500.00
TOTAL CASH PAID OUT	69,900.00	66,125.00
Income/ Expense Projected Cash Reserve	16,670.00	22,818.77

There were two questions raised –

1) Why the jump from 5000 to 15000 for convention
2) Why is the ending balance of the 2024 budget not the starting balance of the 2025 budget.

Lela Mecheto Peay moved to conditionally approve the budget contingent on clarifying the questions raised.
Adopted

Matt Gerard moved to approve the following appointments:
Beth Luthy (HD65 VC)
Clark Snelgrove (HD 65 Chair)
Emily Lockhart (HD 51Ed. Officer)
Mark Cluff (UCRP Treasurer)
Brad Daw (HD57 Chair)
Adopted

McKay Stoker moved for a 10 minute recess
Lost

Committee Reports

C&B Committee Report - Ben Summerhalder
Ben Summerhalder moved the adoption of B2024-05 Bylaw Amendment

B2024-05 Bylaw 11 Amendment – Establishing a Process for Ballot Question Recommendations

Legend: Changes with additions underlined and deletions having a ~~strikethrough~~, all in **bold.**

Proposed Modified Text

B. Party Endorsements of Ballot ~~**Initiatives, and Referendums**~~ **Questions**

1. **The term "Ballot Questions" shall be defined as any initiative, referendum, or substantially similar action put to a public vote.**

2. The Party may choose to hold ~~**Endorsing Votes for**~~ **votes to support, oppose, or take no position on** ~~**local Initiatives, and Referendums**~~ **Ballot Questions.** ~~**, provided:**~~

~~**a. It is a local initiative**~~

~~**b. or a local referendum**~~

~~**2.**~~ **3. Supporters of** Ballot ~~**Initiatives, and Referendums**~~ **Questions** that are ~~**endorsed**~~ **supported** by the party shall be allowed to:

a. use the party endorsement seal.

b. use party resources that are approved by the Executive Committee **to support the Ballot Question.**

4. Opponents of Ballot Questions that are opposed by the party shall be allowed to:

a. add to literature and notices a statement that the Party opposes such Ballot Question.

b. use party resources that are approved by the Executive Committee to oppose the Ballot Question.

C. Rules for holding Endorsing Votes

1. Approved Endorsing Votes **for Candidates** shall be held at ~~**the**~~ **a** County Convention that precedes the General Election where the candidates ~~**or item**~~ will be voted on by the county voters. **Approved votes on Ballot Questions shall be held at a County Central Committee Meeting that precedes the election where the Ballot Question will be voted on.**

2. A proposal to hold a~~n~~ **Candidate** Endorsing Vote must win a majority vote of a quorum of the Central Committee present at a Central Committee meeting, that is at least five (5) weeks before the County Convention that precedes the General Election where the candidates or item will be voted on by the county voters. **A proposal to hold a vote on a Ballot Question must win a majority vote of a quorum of the Central Committee present at a Central Committee meeting.**

a. The proposal must be submitted to the Party Chair at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

b. The proposal must be submitted by a Central Committee member, and must have at least five (5) co-sponsors from the Central Committee.

c. Properly submitted proposals shall be added to the agenda and meeting documents.

d. Proposals to nullify a previously approved Endorsing Votes proposal, or cease ongoing Endorsing Votes, must follow the same submission rules.

3. Only candidates who are registered as Republican shall appear on candidate endorsement ballots.

4. Endors~~ements~~**ing** Votes shall be held in caucuses of delegates **or central committee members** from the applicable political subdivisions.

5. Balloting **for candidates** shall follow the convention balloting rules, except that a "No Endorsement" option shall be added to the ballots, and this option shall be ignored when determining the lowest vote getter(s) for elimination.

6. Votes on Ballot Questions must be held by ballot using any method allowed by the Utah County Republican Party bylaw. Ballots shall only offer options of "Support," "Oppose" or "No Position."

~~6~~**7**. A candidate must receive 60% of the votes cast to be endorsed. **A Ballot Question must receive 60% of the votes cast to be supported or opposed**.

~~7~~**8**. Candidates can be endorsed in each political subdivision where an election is being held.

a. Up to two candidates can be endorsed if more than two valid candidates have filed.
b. If the "No Endorsement" option receives a majority of the vote, no additional candidates will be endorsed.
c. If the top candidate for the first endorsement, after all eliminations, fails to get the required threshold of votes, no candidate will be endorsed.
d. If a candidate wins the first endorsement, voting and/or tallying will start over for the second endorsement.

9. Votes on each Ballot Question can be held in each political subdivision where it appears on the ballot.

Charles Wood moved to amend paragraph 9 to strike "can" and insert "must only"
Previous question was ordered and the Amendment was Adopted

The above bylaw was adopted with the amendment of 9 to

9. Votes on each Ballot Question must only be held in each political subdivision where it appears on the ballot.

Filling mid-term vacancy in County Commission

Ben Summerhalder moved to adopt Special Rule of Order #1

Nominations for Mid-term Vacancy for County Elected Offices
In the event of a mid-term vacancy as provided in Bylaw 7 D which occurs after the filing deadline in an election year, nominations for the vacancy for election by the Central Committee are limited as follows:

1. If the vacancy occurs after the Primary election, only the winner of the Republican Primary for the vacant office may be nominated, if available, and
2. If no nominee is available based on #1 above, and the vacancy occurs after the nominating convention, then only those candidates nominated by the Convention for the vacant office in the same year may be nominated, if available, and,
3. If no nominees are available based on #1 and #2 above, then only those Candidates who filed for the vacant office as "Convention Only" candidates (without signature qualification), may be nominated, if available, and,
4. If no nominees are available based on the rules above, then any Utah County Republican may be nominated.

Mike Murdock moved to amend by striking #3 and renumber 4 to 3
Adopted

The motion then becomes:

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3. If no nominees are available based on the rules above, then any Utah County Republican may be nominated.

The special rule of order is adopted on a 2/3 vote

Nominations were opened for the County Commission mid term vacancy.

Skylar Beltran was nominated

As there are no further legal nominations, the nominations were closed.
Skylar Beltran was elected

Approve Ballot Question Endorsing Votes

Charles Wood moved to hold a vote on endorsing the ballot question of Proposition 11 Creation of New School District Alpine, Lehi, American Fork, Cedar Hills, Highland, and Draper within Utah County
Adopted

Charles Wood moved to hold a vote on endorsing the ballot question of Proposition 14 Creation of New School District Saratoga Springs, Eagle Mountain, Fairfield
Adopted

<u>New Business from The Floor</u>

Courtenay Ellison moved
That the Utah County Republican Central Committee kindly and politely request that as a matter of moral principle, personal integrity and good sportsmanship, Spencer Cox and all candidates who did not win 60% of the delegate vote at the state convention release all signatures received by required date to be on the primary ballot, to be verified by citizens and county convention winners immediately.

After considering the motion informally the following amendments were adopted without objection:

strike “signatures” and insert “names of all signatories”
Strike “release” and insert “publish to the citizens”
Add “and give access to view the signatures to the candidates immediately”

Aaron Bullen moved to postpone definitely until after the endorsing votes
Lost

The final form of the motion is:
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Adopted

Sharon Memmott moved to limit debate on all motions to 1 minutes per speaker, and 5 speakers on each side
Adopted by 2/3 vote

John Wilson moved that as a body we request in writing, within the next three days, to each state central committee member, a demand for an emergency state central committee meeting with agenda items as follows:

"That the signature ballot candidates not be recognized as party nominees until and unless signatures are verified by an independent third party, that the candidates are given immediate and ongoing access to view and verify signatures, that any convention candidates who received at least 60% of the delegate votes at state convention be immediately recognized as party ballot candidates, as per Utah Constitution."

"Party" was inserted into "Utah Party Constitution" without objection.
The motion was adopted with "Utah Party Constitution".

Charles Wood moved to hold the endorsing vote
Adopted

The ballots were opened for voting, and closed by the chair after allowing time for voting:

Proposition 11:
Support 52
Oppose 2
No Position 7

Proposition 14:
Support 31
Oppose 2
No Position 2

Adjourned 2:00 pm

Parliamentary Tips

Kirby Glad, UCRP Parliamentarian

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Things you can do to control your meeting

We do not waste time adopting an agenda. Agendas are used to limit the freedom of the body.

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7 Subsidiary Motions

Lay on the Table
Previous Question
Extend or Limit Debate
Postpone Definitely
Refer to Committee
Amend
Postpone Indefinitely

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Officer Reports: Chair

Cristy Henshaw

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Support of Our County Nominees and Endorsed:

(Contested)

- **Skyler Beltran, Commissioner (seat C)**
- **Cole Kelley, Utah State School Board**
- **Keven Stratton, Senate District 24**
- **Emily Peterson, Local School Board (ASD)**

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Caucus Recap: Good, Bad, and Lessons Learned

- Thank you to those who hosted a Caucus Meeting on March 5th! We had 415 neighborhood precincts meeting!
- If you are new and didn't run one, make a list of the things you liked and things you'd like to do better
- There were varying experiences, but overall, Utah County faired well because most of our House Chairs layered tech with paper back-ups
- Jurisdiction Matters! The Republican Party is a private organization and can govern their own processes and procedures.
- What can we do better? Ideas? Suggestions outside of the requirements set by the UTGOP ofc. Email edu@ucrp.org
- A special interest group looking to control our private process has repeatedly influenced news articles that are erroneous and one-sided. More on that later, but just to be aware that a narrative is being attempted.

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Bang the Drum! Recap
You made a HUGE impact!!!

Thank YOU!!!

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Incumbents, money, and convention winners data

- 16/19 incumbents won their race (*All 3 incumbents that lost their primary were outspent)
- 19/29 top campaign spenders won their primary
- 2 top campaign spenders were beat by incumbents
- 5 top spenders who gathered signatures were beat by convention winners
- In the 2 mixed races where spending was about even, the convention winners won the primary

*STATEWIDE AND BASED ON CURRENT FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES

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Noteable data from the 2024 Primary:

- All top spending incumbents won their primary
- 6/7 top spending convention winners won their primary
- 40% of top spending signature gatherers won their primary
- 6 out of 24 signature gatherers won their primary (four of the six were incumbents and the other two had incumbent-like status)
- No new challenger to an incumbent who got on the ballot through signature gathering won their primary

*Statewide and based on current financial disclosures

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Number One Question Asked by New Delegates:

Q: What if the convention results don't match the primary results?

A: That's NOT the goal! We protect against money, fame, and especially advertising. We know the value of our process and are not seeking a consensus–although it's nice when it happens. Our goal is choosing the candidates who are the most aligned with our platform–not choosing which one we think the public

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Past things the MAJORITY of the public most likely would have voted for:

80s HAIR and makeup!

Although respected, a majority vote is not benevolent and is particularly subject to advertising influence.

Home Remedies

Consensus isn't inherently virtuous.

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Does Caucus/Convention always get it right?

No, but it does a better job at aligning candidates with our platform than the primary does.

"Democracy: Two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch.

Republic: A Democracy where two hundred wolves and one hundred lambs elect two wolves and one lamb as their representatives to vote on what to have for lunch.

Constitutional Republic: A Republic with a Constitution guaranteeing that lamb is not on the lunch menu. Eventually the Supreme Court rules - five wolves to four lambs - that mutton is not the same as lamb."

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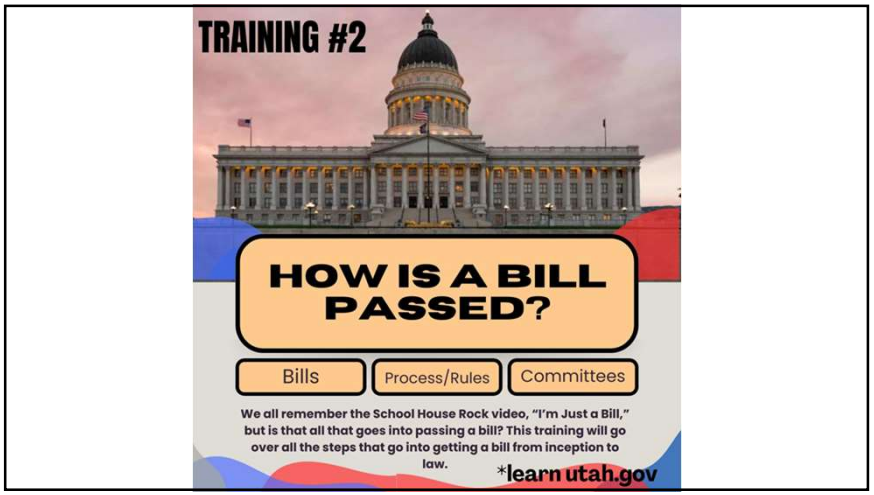

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House Chair: Kristen Chevrier

House District 54 Ide

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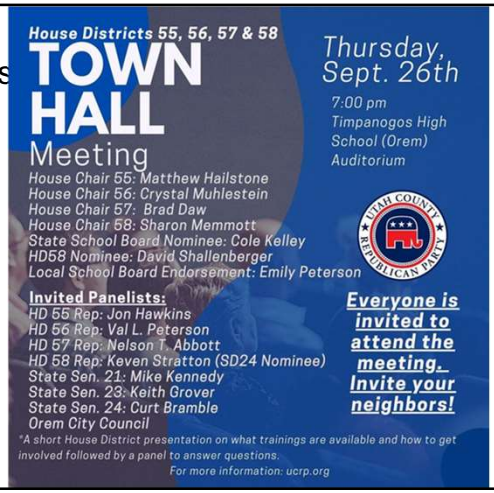
Town Halls



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Current Members of the Elephant Society

- Don Olsen
- Joey Smith
- Cole Kelley
- Bennett Cookson
- Kirby Glad
- Jennifer Chamberlain
- Thomas Sakievich
- Melissa Holiday
- Corey Astill
- Skyler Beltran
- Stan Jensen
- Corey Bodily
- Kraig Thorne
- Janese Christensen
- David Shallenberger
- William R. Rawlings
- Cristy Henshaw
- Amelia Powers Gardner
- Ben Summerhalder
- Lisa Shepherd
- Jeffrey Hartley
- Jill Hansen
- Mac Sims
- Keri Guinn
- Alicia Johnson
- Mark Cluff

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Venmo QR Code: Any little bit helps!

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Officer Reports: Vice Chair

Charles Wood

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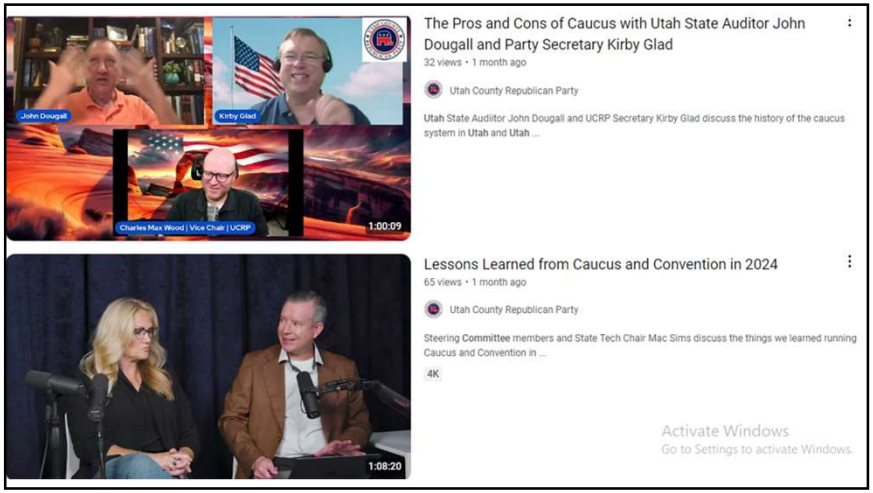

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What podcasts would you like? What guests? What subjects?

Email ideas to:
vicechair@ucrp.org

Text ideas to:

801-367-6164

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Officer Reports: Secretary

Kirby Glad

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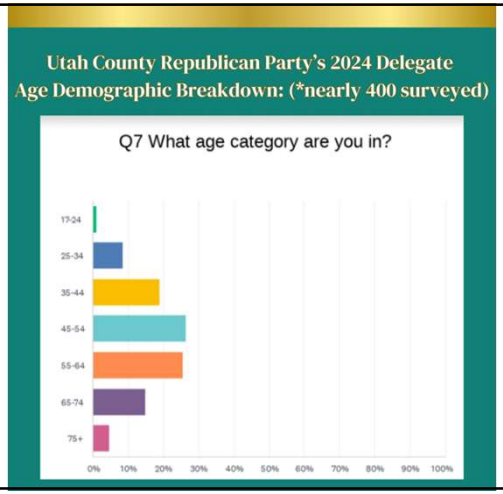

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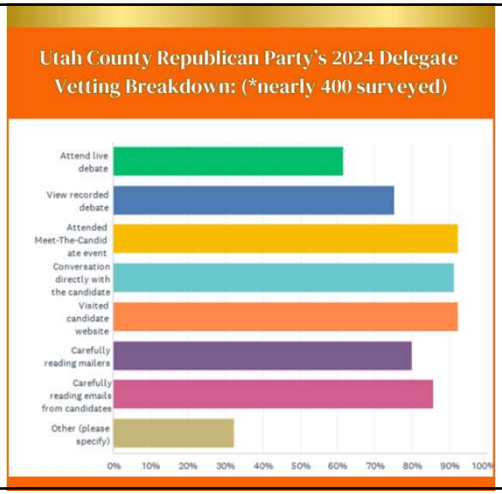

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Op-Ed on the Website

The Caucus and Convention System is Doing Its Job

Many recent opinion pieces have been published claiming the caucus and convention system in Utah fails because it "does not reflect the will of the people."

In the caucus and convention system, delegates are selected in neighborhood elections across every precinct in the state. This provides the grassroots input of active Republicans into party control. The delegates then evaluate the candidates for public office who seek the party endorsement.

These articles cite 'irrefutable evidence' based on occasions where the candidates who win the convention vote are not the same ones that win the primary vote. These opinions completely misstate the role of the caucus and convention system, and so they reach a wrong conclusion.

If we wanted to predict or mirror the results of the primary, we would simply skip the convention and go directly to a primary. Clearly, simple logic tells us that we do not go through the effort of

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Financial Report

2024 Budget

Starting Balance		Actual Q1	Actual Q2	YTD
Estimated balance start of 2024	41,307.77	41,307.77	114,208.71	
INCOME				
Lincoln Day Dinner	30,000.00	78,216.00	9,690.00	87,906.00
County Meetings	1,500.00			0.00
Convention	2,500.00		8,674.77	8,674.77
Precinct Caucus Donations	5,000.00	8,005.00		8,005.00
General Donations (Uncategorized)	5,000.00	554.00	5,108.90	5,662.90
Elephant Society	3,600.00	1,211.00	1,124.82	2,335.82
Bank Interest	36.00	13.21	21.81	35.02
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	47,636.00	87,999.21	24,620.30	
Balance before expenses	88,943.77	129,306.98	138,829.01	
EXPENSE				
2024 Candidate Support	5,000.00		-32,712.25	-32,712.25
Central Committee Meetings	2,500.00	-2,242.43		-2,242.43
Committee Support	2,500.00	-13.00		-13.00
Youth Outreach	5,000.00			0.00
Other Outreach	2,500.00			0.00
Convention	5,000.00		-$15,876.40	-15,876.40
Precinct Caucus Expenses	15,000.00	-5,085.45	-16,280.51	-21,365.96
Discretionary Expenses	500.00	-1,839.05	-1,059.27	-2,898.32
Education & Training	3,000.00			0.00
Events (Picnic, Concert, etc)	3,000.00		-$101.15	-101.15
Legal Counsel	-			0.00
Legislative Districts	1,625.00			0.00
Lincoln Day Dinner	15,000.00	-1,448.51	-16,145.13	-17,593.64
Rallies/Meet the Candidates	2,000.00	-1,916.50		-1,916.50
Financial Review (Biennial)	1,000.00			0.00
Technology (Audio/Visual, Hosting & Development)	4,000.00			0.00
Other Monthly Expenses (Storage Unit, email service, etc)	3,500.00	-2,553.33	-3,047.60	-5,600.93
TOTAL CASH PAID OUT	71,125.00	-15,098.27	-85,222.31	
Income/ Expense Projected Cash Reserve	17,818.77	114,208.71	53,606.70	

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