

Tucson Ron Paul 2008 Meetup Group
Strategy Meeting, November 20, 2007
@ Coffee Xchange
Facilitator: Carl Manz

Agenda Item #1

6:30 pm, Carl opened meeting, explained how a facilitated meeting worked. Selected people to assist running the meeting.

Agenda Item #2

David Guthrie discussed the importance of registering Republican asap. Also, becoming a precinct committee-person. Links for accomplishing those tasks are on the main page of the Tucson RP Meetup site. Explanation: AZ has closed presidential primary. You must be registered for the party of the candidate you intend to vote for. Therefore, if you wish to vote for Ron Paul in the primary, you must be registered Republican – like it or not.

PCs vote for delegates. AZ has 53 delegates and only three are taken. That means there are 50 slots which we want filled up with people from this group. Delegates are elected from the existing pool of PCs. So, be a PC.

Big chance no Republican candidate will achieve a simple minority which is required for the nomination. Delegates are duty bound to cast votes reflecting their district in the first round at convention. If a second ballot is required, delegates are no longer bound by any obligation and can vote as they see fit. That means 50 of us could vote for Ron Paul.

If we don't do this, sign-waving and canvassing won't matter. We must work within the system as it exists. It takes 4-6 weeks to get processed as PC, so please do it immediately. Check links on meetup site.

PCs are the backbone of Rep party because they vote for delegates.

Q & A and Comments:

John – Go to legislative district meeting, meet chairman, get to know people.

Carl – How does one become an elected PC? -Need 10 signatures.

David – What are the reasons anybody wouldn't want to be a PC?

Diane – I'm tired. I'm doing it, but I'm tired and don't really want to add anything to my schedule.

David – We will help each other with canvassing areas. This is a team effort. We need to help people get registered to vote.

Dave - What's wrong w/ registering on internet?

David - Nothing, but can be slow. Make sure you follow up if you haven't gotten your voter reg. card.

James – If you are not registered with DMV, your reg won't go through.

John – Regarding how much work it takes to be a PC, most PCs have been there for years and don't do anything. If they tell you that you must do something, just smile and nod. They don't do *anything*.

Chris – If you show up at your LD meeting, tell them you want to be a PC. You can fill out the form right there. It's easy.

- LD's meet once a month. Your LD is on your voter reg card.

Agenda Item #3

David for Drew – Sign Waving. Big success. I run into many people who don't know who RP is but have seen sign wavers and identify RP with real human support unlike other candidates. They know our group. Broadway/Wilmot and Speedway/Campbell big successes. Any other suggestions?

Chris – We should be near malls on Black Friday.

Matthew – Good idea & exposure, creates curiosity. We need more people so we can cover 2 intersections.

John – Right to Life group will be near Tucson Mall on BF. We should do Park Place.

James – Can we hand out slim jims @ malls?

David – Depends on how many we have.

John – Mall is private property, might get kicked out. Look for signs warning against solicitation.

Blake – No slim jims on car windshields. I personally find that annoying. (agreements)

Rob – Has 500-1000 slim jims if anyone needs them. You can buy 1000 for \$30 from RP website.

John – A sign wave at Ina & Thornydale – get Marana group to help.

Dan – Next sign wave at 3:30 pm at Campbell & Speedway. Don't park at Boston Market – park at church behind Boston Market. That's ok.

Agenda Item #4

Dewaine – Fundraiser. The fundraiser will be at Blake's house on Nov 30. We are limited to 40 people and have 35 rsvps. All may not show, but take it easy on invites. Not sure how many will bring a guest.

Blake – House can handle 40-45 people max.

Matthew – Offered to donate his house for next fundraiser.

Dave – What's happening at fundraiser.

Dewaine – A rep from RP regional campaign. Maybe Karen Johnson or Roy Miller from Goldwater Inst. Hoping for a phone call from RP himself, but not confirmed.

James – Just reception and meet & greet. It's an incentive to donate & way to get word out. May need people to chip in.

Chris – Don't worry about that. Cost for refreshments is covered. Donate to the campaign instead.

David – Need our LD chairs to send out emails to registered republicans. Some people having trouble getting them to do it.

John – If you have trouble with county party, contact me.

Code for Tucson donations is TUCRON. All donations from Tucsonans should be made using that code.

Peter – Do we or do we not have room for more people at fundraiser.

Blake – Worried about it being too crowded and uncomfortable.

John & Diane – People won't all show, crowds are good. Looks good for campaign.

Dewaine – If you have made a donation to RP campaign using TUCRON code, you are on the rsvp list. If you don't plan to come, please email Dewaine (on meetup site) and let him know.

Agenda Item #6

Diane – Letter Writing. I have about 100 addresses for people who want to contribute to the letter writing campaign to voters in Iowa. We are making hand-written letters to voters asking them to vote for Ron Paul and explaining a little about him. Come see me after meeting if you want addresses.

Suggestion by Blake – Use Reagan style slim jims, put in envelope from letter.

Agenda Item #7

Dewaine – Canvassing. Canvassing lists are available from Andre. Send your legislative district and precinct numbers by email to David Guthrie – Organizer – and he will forward them to Andre and have your lists sent to you. You can find your ld & prec. numbers on your voter reg card.

Rob – I think we should be canvassing to all of our neighbors, not just republicans.

David – Agreed, yet 30% of Republicans are undecided.

James – It's a selling point to say you can always switch back (party affiliation) after the election cycle is over if you wish.

Dewaine – If you want help with canvassing your area, email one of the organizers to put it on the calendar as an event.

David – We need a canvassing organizer. If anybody wants to help with this contact me (David Guthrie).

Diane/Blake – Dvds work well, burn dvds if you can to take around.

Member mentioned having copies of Zeitgeist, Loose Change and AFTF he give out.

David – Be careful. The RP campaign is not taking those positions and it's important not to confuse the message and leave people with the impression RP is a 9/11 truther. Many of his supporters are, but that is not part of his platform.

Dan and Rob both have systems for burning dvds quickly, so if you want help with that, email them. (Maybe you guys can start a thread on message board?)

Justin – You can go door to door with a laptop and show people videos – effective.

It would be good to project videos on a wall off 4th avenue.

Additional Items:

Ken – Two gun shows coming up. Tables are \$65.

Sandra – Do we have Gun Owners of America slim jims? Can we get some?

David – Yes, we'll get them.

Chris – Will help with table rent and will team up with Ken.

Dewaine – All slim jims are available for download on ronpaul2008.com.

Blake – Will work gun shows.

David – Made Ken the new gun show organizer so he can create gun show related events on calendar.

Chris – Your purchases from ronpaul2008.com store count toward your campaign contributions. So, if You're maxed out at \$2300 you cannot purchase from site directly.

David – We have many online polls and they have been put up because it's information we need. Please stop by meetup site and answer all the polls.

Diane – Could somebody create an email template with blanks to fill in so an email can go out whenever there is a new poll? (No volunteer yet.)

David – The owner of a local sign shop is a RP supporter and is going to donate 1000 signs!

David – I want to create a list of LD contacts. (We got the names for most there, but I didn't catch them all so I will start a thread on meetup for ld contacts to post their name and ld. - Diane)

David – Voluntary contributions for purchasing slim jims tonight, \$202!

Sandra – Some of the last batch of t-shirts ordered will come in, but her supplier in in Minnesota and

their supply has been decimated by the caucuses. Contact Sandra to find out about your order.

James – Thanked Carl for running the meeting.

Carl – Wanted everyone to know how much he appreciates everyone. This is the best candidate since Jefferson and we'll put him in the White House or know why. This event will affect America for years to come.

Dave – Meeting was good but Coffee Xchange too noisy. Suggested Cody's Beef N' Beans which has a libertarian owner.

John – He writes for an AZ political blog – sonoranalliance.com

Steve from Willcox group – We have five large revolution signs we want to trade for RP for President signs which are better for our area. We need yard signs and need signs for Christmas parade float.

David – Trying to get you 7' x 3' signs.

Rich – At some point I would like to discuss voting machines and their vulnerability.

David – All PC's should volunteer to work polling places on primary day if possible.

James – On RP2008 site they have training videos on voting process. (James if that site is wrong, please post a thread or send out an email. thx)

Dave – I want to let everyone know about the book A Nation of Sheep by Judge Napolitano. Very important to read.

Rob – The full page ad in USA Today will be out Weds and Thurs – Thanksgiving – please avoid buying them up until the end of the day Thursday. We have permission to use ad copy, so will be looking into costs for running and ad in AZ Star.

Carl – After the 1st of the year I will be starting a libertarian study group. The first book we will discuss will be Freedom Under Siege by Ron Paul. Available for free on Mises.org.

Dewaine – Handed out two articles from FEE.org, Foundation for Economic Education. Great site, check it out.

Meeting adjourned amidst much cheering and congratulations to Carl for organizing it.