

Platform Committee Notes 9/20/2007

Upcoming forums

10/10/7: Prosperity & Social Justice.

We discussed the upcoming October forum on Economic Prosperity & Social Justice. We discussed the various areas of the subject matter to look for speakers to talk about, including:

Jobs/employment & social security

Taxes and tax fairness

Trade issues (fair trade), Unions & Labor

The Penal System, criminal justice, restorative justice

We then discussed who to invite. Jonathan wrote down several suggestions and will contact them. The one participant that is now confirmed is Joan Fitzgerald who will likely speak on all of the above issues. Jonathan has also invited John Kefalas, a Representative from the Colorado House. He has not committed yet but if he does, he will focus on tax issues.

There was a suggestion that we change the format of the October forum by breaking out in small groups by topic after the speakers finish talking. We will then get the entire group back together for a question and answer session and debate. There was much discussion about this format, including how it would work and the timeline for it. It was decided that we will try this format for the October forum and discuss the final timing of the meeting once we have the final # of participants confirmed.

We discussed asking the forum participants to address the following three questions within the context of the forum subject that they will be addressing:

What are our basic values?

What has eroded these?

What brings us back to these basic values?

There was a suggestion that we start the meeting right at 7 Pm because the forums have been starting at 7:15 Pm or later. There was concern for the new participants who show up and don't understand that one meeting is ending and the meeting they are coming to has not started yet. Rebecca and Jonathan explained that the Executive Committee meeting has already been moved up by half an hour to allow these forums to begin at 7 Pm so we can not start earlier. So it was decided that we would designate a greeter to welcome new participants to the meeting and explain to them that the meeting would begin soon.

We talked about adding a new blog posting asking readers to add their ideas, comments and concerns. We will ask them what they like and do not like.

We discussed the November wrap-up meeting so that everyone can address any subjects that have not been addressed during the months of the forums.

Rebecca asked me to ask Rick to make a resolution template to add to the email blast that will be going out.

Rebecca will try to review the timeline revisions in coordination with GOTV before the next meeting.

[Note: the next meeting is being rescheduled. Maybe to Sun, Oct 28, 10-3] ~~We will meet next on Thursday, Oct. 4th at 7:30 Pm.~~ Our agenda should be pretty much as follows:

PLATFORM COMMITTEE AGENDA - 10/4/07

- * Upcoming forum**
- * Review timeline revisions in coordination with GOTV**
- * Candidate forum visioning**
- * Community outreach visioning**

Brief Meeting Minutes Sept. Sept. 6, 2007

We had a final discussion with the participants for the Sept. forum on Immigration. We discussed the upcoming Oct. forum. There was a discussion about the preamble for the whole platform. We also all looked at and talked about improving the blog.

Thanks,

Robin Van Norman