

January 8, 2019 Brau Haus, Amana

The meeting was called to order at 6:30. 10 members were present.

Minutes from the December meeting were approved as corrected. (7 bags of warm clothing were donated at the last meeting. All items were gratefully accepted by the Victor Elementary School). Treasurer's report was approved. Our current balance is \$423.56.

**New Business:**

Nominations and elections will be held at the next meeting for central committee officers. The meeting will be held in the Courthouse Annex on February 12 at 6:30 pm. If you cannot attend, but wish to place your name in nomination, please contact Emmet at 319-270-1681 or Erin at 319-530-1336.

Meeting announcements can always be found on the facebook page or website. Betty will check with the CR Gazette about the cost of advertising. We may also print flyers for members to post at local city halls, libraries and post offices. Just a reminder: Meetings are always held on the second Tuesday of each month. We gather at 6pm for socializing and the meeting begins promptly at 6:30.

Jan Schnell did a presentation on organizing listening campaigns. We will try to do one of these per month. Betty, Ann, Emmett, and Jan will meet Thursday evening to plan the first session.

Listening Campaign: a focused effort to build community and identify concerns and priorities in a specific locale over a specific time period.

Goals: to strengthen relationships, to identify issues and to develop new leaders.

Method: one-on-one conversations---natural but uncommon conversation with someone about their values, vision, life and motivations.

Actions of a listening campaign:

1. Identify questions---their experience/care for issue/concerns
2. Identify people to meet---door-to-door, hosting friends
3. Facilitate 1-on-1
4. Take notes---record or remember---fill out sheet
5. Follow up---collate data to focus on issues---assess the interview/problems and benefits

There is a legislative forum coming up in the near future with Rep. Maxwell and Senator Kapucian. Ann will formulate questions for all of to ask and will send a quick notice out when we have the date/location. These are usually on a Saturday morning at Farm Bureau.