

**Subject: Tuesday's Central Committee Meeting**

Dear Friends

A number of people have contacted me concerning a strategy about Tuesdays Central Committee meeting

My recommendation is to have no meeting strategy. Our previous goal was to change the speaker at the Lincoln Day Dinner. Although we won a legal vote, a decision was made to disregard the will of the majority and Mr. Mack spoke anyway. Regardless of the numerous law and bylaws violations that took place, the milk is spilled and the point now is moot. Although the Mack invite was a mistake, I have to commend those who worked so hard on the Lincoln Day Dinner for making best out of a bad situation, as well as the financial angels and candidates to picked up the slack by sponsoring extra tables to avert disaster. I hope enough funds were raised to counteract the extra costs of the caucuses and pay our outstanding county quota to the state party.

Having a confrontation, a parliamentary challenge, a vote of censure or vote of removal at the Central Committee meeting will serve no purpose. We have significant problems with the management of the Central Committee which must be addressed but in its current highly divided and divisive state, it is impossible to expect any meaningful progress. I feel that the only hope of repairing the organization and preparing for the 2012 General Election can only take place after the May 15 primary. We have many issues of adherence to the bylaws and rules of order, improper and unauthorized expenditures, and committee organization, authority & reporting requirements, that can only be realistically addressed under the new leadership that will be elected after the primary.

I urge each of you to attend Tuesday but I hope we each do our best not to get ensnared in a conflict or controversy. We have had enough angry words and too many responses to real or perceived wrongs. Its time to turn the other cheek and look to the elections we have to win. Let us vigorously fight in the Primary for our precincts but organize in the spirit of unity afterwards.

What kind of Party we are and who will lead our Party is up to the voters in each precinct. Let us pray that those elected will come with a respect for each other, the rules, laws and our Constitution; an advocacy of the Republican Party; a willingness to work together; and the ability to disagree without being disagreeable. Our opposition should not be ourselves. We have bigger fish to fry.

Thanks

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