



# The Tesson Times

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## February Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Place:** Abiding Savior Lutheran Church  
School Cafeteria  
**Speakers:** Lindbergh School Board Candidates



The February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held in the school cafeteria at **Abiding Savior Lutheran Church at 4355 Butler Hill Road**. This is north of the Schnucks shopping center at Highway 55 and Butler Hill Road. The cafeteria is located on the lower level of the church and is accessible by elevator. Park in the back of the church to enter. We've invited candidates for the Lindbergh School Board to speak to February's meeting.



## January Meeting Highlights

The January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting featured Rep. Mike Leara as our speaker. Many of you know that Mike has announced his intention to run for the 15th District State Senate seat. He summarized highlights of the 98<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. There are 117 Republican representatives which means that Republicans have the power to force Governor Nixon to release funds that have been appropriated by the legislature for various purposes. They also have enough votes to override any vetoes by this governor. This should streamline the budget process. He noted that there is now a two-tier committee system in the house. This will spread power among committee chairman. Most of the work will be done in subcommittees. The top tier committees will vote the bills up or down. If the bill passes its top tier committee, it goes to the floor. This differs from the past procedure in which the rules committee determined what legislation went to the floor.

There was a question regarding the funding for MODOT. Mike noted that MODOT receives its funding from gas taxes and federal funds rather than money

appropriated by the state legislature. There has been some discussion about having toll roads in Missouri. He did not see that as a real possibility because there are too many groups opposed to toll roads. Some legislators are totally opposed to increasing taxes. In MODOT's situation, the gas taxes are being impacted by people driving fuel-efficient vehicles. This cuts into MODOT's funding. One compromise solution would be to index our gas tax to inflation. This would mean that a percentage based on the inflation rate would determine by how much the current tax of 17cents per gallon would be increased.

Our newly-elected state representative Cloria Brown also updated us on the Missouri legislature. She holds John Diehl, the new Speaker of the House, in high regard. He is a businessman who is a methodical planner who uses his time wisely and expects the same of others. Cloria has not received her committee assignments yet.

There was no quorum present, so no official club business was conducted. We were introduced to two conservative candidates running for the Mehlville school board. They are Jamey Murphy and Kyle Haubrich. Since there are three vacancies in this next election, both candidates have a good chance at winning a position on the board. Both are young men with dynamic conservative ideas and a history of civic involvement. We also noted Kate Holloway who is running for another term on the Lindbergh school board and Bonnie Stegman who is running for another term on the Mehlville Fire District board. Of course your support is needed to help all these candidates win office. If you are interested in having a yard sign, please contact one of our board members.



## **Attend the 2015 County Lincoln – Reagan Day Event!**

Our annual St. Louis County Lincoln-Reagan Day event is fast approaching. It will be Saturday March 21st and will be held at Orlando Gardens Banquet Center, 4300 Hoffmeister Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63125. The ticket price is forty-nine dollars a person. Make the check payable to *St. Louis County Republican Central Committee* and mail it to Rene Artman, 1530 Winterchase Drive, Fenton, MO 63026. One of our featured speakers is Josh Hawley. Josh was our lawyer in the successful Hobby Lobby case decided by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2014. Our central committee donated thousands of dollars to our GOP candidates in 2014. With your attendance at our Lincoln-Reagan Day event we will be able to help our great GOP candidates running in 2016. Thanks for your consideration.

*John Judd-Committeeman*



## **Elect the Right Candidates on April 7th**

Our attention and focus turns to the April 7 elections. Our own Jamey Murphy is running for Mehlville School Board. Make your check payable to: *Murphy for Missouri*, 6851 Bear Creek, St. Louis MO 63129. Jamey's phone number is 795-5436. Kate Holloway has done a great job on the Lindbergh School Board. You can call Kate at 578-3659. We must work to re-elect Bonnie Stegman to the Mehlville Fire Board.

The date for the 6<sup>th</sup> County Council seat election has been set for April 7th. I will let you know who our candidate is. By working together we will have a sweeping victory in April. Please use the enclosed form to join or rejoin TFTRC. I've been doing personal mailings for membership. I urge you to do the same. If we all work together, 2015 will be a great year for TFTRC and the GOP.

*John Judd - Committeeman*

### **Time to Renew Those Memberships**

Don't delay, It's time to renew your membership for 2015. Our new meeting location at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church is the ideal place to hear our speakers and visit friends in a quiet, private setting. A single membership is still only \$20/year and a family membership remains \$30/year. With everything else inflating, what better value can you find? The membership form is attached.



### **Save the Date!**

The spring fundraiser will be Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Genesis Banquet Hall. 2651 Telegraph Road. We always enjoy a good speaker, delicious food and fun people. We also need people who are willing to help with this event, either in planning or in donating items for the silent auction. If you can help in either capacity, please contact Dan Ried at 845-2762.



## **Coming Events**

- **Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 pm, regular meeting of TRTRC at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 4355 Butler Hill Road, (school cafeteria).
- **Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 7:00 pm, board meeting at Christy Hessel's home.

- **Friday-Sunday, February 20-22, 2015**, Missouri State Lincoln Days, downtown Kansas City Marriott Hotel.
- **Saturday, March 21st, 2015**, St. Louis County Lincoln-Reagan Day banquet at Orlando Gardens, 4300 Hoffmeister Avenue. Cost: \$49/person.
- **Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015**, TFTRC spring fundraising banquet at Genesis Banquet Center, 2651 Telegraph Road. Cost: \$25/person.



## **Meet Kyle Haubrich**

### **Mehlville School Board Candidate**

My name is Kyle J Haubrich and it was a pleasure to meet with you earlier this month and talk about why I am running for the Mehlville School Board. Throughout my life I have worked hard and have given 100% plus effort to every undertaking - whether achieving Eagle Scout, putting myself through college by running a lawn service, or successfully meeting the rigors of law school. I am a family man (4<sup>th</sup> child to be born May 2015!) and want to make sure my children receive a top notch education in the Mehlville School District.

I have seen what the Mehlville Fire Board has done, and the success that it has had, by using common sense conservative values and principles. I want to bring that same success to the Mehlville School Board, by achieving the following goals: 1) Working toward *high academic achievement*, which means getting our test scores up so that Mehlville students have the opportunity to succeed in a very competitive world. 2) *fiscal responsibility*, which means living within our means, securing a balanced budget, and keeping taxes low. and 3) *21<sup>st</sup> century classroom*, which means local control of curriculum, and smart use of technology.

Help preserve and increase conservative values in Mehlville by supporting my campaign! With your support I will be elected to the school board on April 7 and together we can see progress! Please contact me any time; I look forward to talking to you.

Thank you!

*Kyle Haubrich*

**DONATE BY CHECK:** payable to **Citizens To Elect Kyle J Haubrich**  
Citizens To Elect Kyle J Haubrich, c/o George Winebright , 9817 Veere Drive, St Louis, Mo 63126

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## **Meet James Murphy Mehlville School Board Candidate**

I am James Murphy, a proud Tesson Ferry GOP club member and I am running for Mehlville School Board. I am doing this because education is the most important tool we can give our children. We are currently preparing our children for jobs that don't yet exist, using technologies that haven't yet been invented, in order to solve problems we haven't anticipated. This challenge can only be overcome with leaders who are capable of forward thinking and strategic planning. This requires focusing around students and their ability to think critically and solve problems.

As Chief of Staff to Senator Jim Lembke I worked on countless legislative solutions for some of the toughest challenges facing Missouri schools. I staffed him as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee that wrote the state's budget which included making financial decisions for Missouri schools. I spent weeks looking through the state budget, finding wasteful spending to cut. We carried legislation that cut the size of government and eliminated statutes that created red-tape and impeded improvement. I have spent over 22 years living in the Mehlville School District. My wife Kayla and I have two daughters who will attend these schools. If we want to make serious changes that will benefit our children's future, the time to act is now. I promise to have a student-centered focus when making decisions. I pledge to be a good steward of the taxpayers and put the needs of the district before the wants of an out-of-touch board.

To support my campaign please mail checks to:

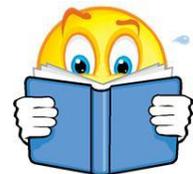
***Murphy for Missouri***  
6851 Bear Creek Drive  
St. Louis, MO 63129.

For questions or to request a yard sign please contact me at [Murphyformehlville@gmail.com](mailto:Murphyformehlville@gmail.com)

Thank you,

*James Murphy*

## **Good Book to Read**



According to more recent polls, Americans increasingly support an isolationist foreign policy due to their weariness with the War on Terror. Bret Stephens, foreign affairs columnist and deputy editorial page editor of *The Wall Street Journal* disagrees

with this stance. His new book, *America in Retreat: The New Isolationism and the Coming Global Disorder*, makes the case for American intervention abroad. He traces the history of American foreign policy focusing on the period after winter 1947 with the beginnings of the Marshall Plan. He goes on to trace America's foreign policy of intervention and the critics of such policy over the years. He then focuses on the Obama administration's handling of foreign affairs and the disastrous results this policy is causing. Finally, he outlines his case for focused and well-defined American intervention in the future. This book is well-written and thought-provoking. As various politicians announce their intentions to run for president, this book would offer some guidelines as to what we should be asking them with regard to their views on foreign policy. Find this book at the St. Louis County Library.

*Christy Hessel – Newsletter Editor*

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