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SPEECH AND BIBLE FESTIVAL SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2010

Scores of young people from MACS schools will be meeting at Woodcrest Baptist Academy on February 8, 2010, to participate in the annual festival which features different kinds of speeches as well as an opportunity for young people to participate in a strong Bible testing program.

Every school, regardless of size, needs to encourage all of the student body to plan on participating in this exciting event which is held each year. Don't forget that the registration forms need to be submitted by January 8, 2010.



MACS LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 20, 2010



AT THE KELLY INN IN ST. PAUL

It is not too early to make sure that the annual M.A.C.S. Legislative Breakfast is on your calendar for February 10, 2010, at the Kelly Inn in St. Paul, beginning at 6:45 A.M. Every pastor, administrator and friend of our Christian school movement in Minnesota is encouraged and invited to attend.

It is important that we who are involved in Christian education continue to keep ourselves aware of what is taking place in our state capitol regarding educational issues. We must never forget that it only takes one legislative session to totally change what previous sessions have approved. Therefore, every school is encouraged to contact your Senator and Representative and invite them to join you as a guest of M.A.C.S.

As we have done in the past we are planning on a full breakfast at a cost of \$10.00 per person. Remember, the legislators do come as guests of M.A.C.S.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to call our M.A.C.S. office in Rosemount.



A Word From Executive Director Dr. Ed Johnson's Office



MINNESOTA PRECINCT CAUCUS NIGHT SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2010

With the importance of the 2010 elections a meeting will be held in your neighborhood on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, which every voting citizen of the United States needs to be aware of this year. This meeting will affect you, your family, and our society for years to come. The meeting is the precinct caucus of the political party of your choice. This article is presented as an educational service to help you understand the rules and procedures used at precinct caucuses and why it is important for you to attend.

WHAT IS A PRECINCT CAUCUS?

It is a neighborhood meeting of eligible voters of a political party living within a precinct.

WHAT IS A PRECINCT?

It is a designated geographical area served by one voting place. In a city this might be a few blocks. In the country a precinct might be a township or village.

MAY ANYONE ATTEND A PRECINCT CAUCUS?

You may attend if you are a qualified voter or will be qualified by the next general election in Minnesota (that is, if you are a citizen and will be 18 on or before November 2, 2010) and are living in the precinct for which the caucus is held. No prior affiliation is required. Caucuses are not closed political

club meetings. You will be one of many attending for the first time. It is merely a meeting of neighbors who share the same party preference. No quorum is required, so a group of any size may meet and make decisions for all.

HOW DO I KNOW WHICH PARTY PRECINCT CAUCUS TO ATTEND?

You should be in general agreement with the principles of the party and have either voted or affiliated with the party in the last general election or intend to do so in the next general election. No person may vote or participate in more than one party's precinct caucus in any one year. If you consider yourself an independent voter, caucus with the party with which you most agree and where you think you can best make your vote count.

HOW DO I FIND OUT THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE CAUCUS IN MY PRECINCT?

All caucuses will be convened at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 2, 2010. Most local papers will publish caucus locations two weeks in advance. More than one precinct or party may caucus in the same building, so it is important to make sure you are in the right meeting. Also, the law only requires that the caucuses last an hour, so get there on time or you may miss the action. Be sure also to stay until the meeting is adjourned. Your county auditor at the county courthouse can tell you which precinct you live in and where your party's caucus will be held.

HOW MUCH SHOULD I PARTICIPATE IF THIS IS MY FIRST CAUCUS?

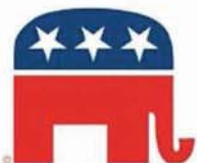
You can do as much or as little as you wish. Everyone should welcome new people and encourage them to participate if they wish. However, if you meet people who try to dominate the caucus and ignore the rights of newcomers, remember your right to participate is guaranteed by state law. If ever you are uncertain about what is happening ask for an explanation.

HOW CAN ATTENDING MY PRECINCT CAUCUS HELP ME GAIN SUPPORT FOR MY IDEAS?

You can vote for delegates to the county or legislative district convention who represent your ideas or become a delegate yourself, and you can vote for resolutions you support or offer your own resolutions.

WILL I BE EXPECTED TO ACCEPT A PARTY OFFICE?

No, but the opportunity is here for you. There are other ways you can help at the precinct level if you wish.



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