

RID United Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2026 – 7:00 PM

Eaton Youth Center

Attendance

More than 25 people attended the meeting, including several new faces.

Welcome

Jon Smith and Bev Brubaker welcomed everyone and introduced the Committee of Six. Starla served as secretary for the evening in Jean Bussell's absence.

Mission Statement

Joanne Evans read mission statement

Flag Day Demonstration Report

Members reported that approximately 36 people participated in the Flag Day Demonstration. The event received many positive responses from the community.

Committee of Six Update

Discussion centered on continuing outreach to Republicans, Independents, and Democrats who may not be hearing information beyond their usual news sources. Members shared examples of conversations with neighbors and family members, emphasizing that many people are simply unaware of current events rather than unwilling to engage.

The group discussed the importance of continuing to inform others without assuming they already know what is happening. There was also discussion about voter registration numbers and the need to continue expanding outreach efforts throughout the community.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer reported a current balance of \$355 including May donations of \$98.00, postcard expenses of \$69.00, and reimbursement to Jean Bussell of \$50.00 for payment to Cammie Azbill posters for Flag Day protest. RID United postcards and other outreach materials remain available for members to use.

Comments by Megan Garton

Megan shared personal reflections on how political polarization has affected relationships, particularly within families. She spoke about how changes in media

consumption and differing worldviews have made meaningful conversations with loved ones increasingly difficult.

This led to a thoughtful group discussion about maintaining relationships during challenging times, recognizing that many people have experienced similar struggles. Members discussed the importance of listening, accepting personal responsibility, and creating opportunities for respectful conversations without hostility. The value of broadening perspectives through travel and learning from experiences outside our own communities was also discussed.

Other Announcements

- The next Hornbacker campaign meeting will be held July 14 at 5:30PM at the Deer Trail Social Building in Eaton, and everyone is invited to attend.
- Members were encouraged to continue supporting RID United's outreach efforts, both in person and online.

Closing Remarks

Jon Smith concluded the meeting by asking us to reflect on how this administration is impacting your life. Members were encouraged to continue engaging others respectfully and thoughtfully.

The meeting concluded with sharing of "Things to Remember in These Tough Times," reminding members to care for themselves, support one another, make room for joy, and remember that every act of kindness and every voice matters.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:07 PM.