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Today, I attended the Republican Committee of Allegheny County's (Pittsburgh, PA) Annual Summer Picnic. The admission cost including lunch was \$10 per person and \$20 per family. Upon arriving at the event, I learned that a straw poll was being held there that was administered by the Plum Borough Republican Committee.

We had a booth there being manned by myself and another member of the Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania Ron Paul 2008 Meetup Group, and upon learning this, we made the call so that others of our group would attend and be able to participate in the event. We came to talk to Republicans and to spread our desire to work to promote the Constitution and received a friendly response from the many people who were there today.

As Andy and I talked to the Republicans gathered about our shared message of small government and fiscal responsibility, a number of our members showed up and we began making an impact upon the poll. Not knowing about this event ahead of time, we were able to mobilize, and by the time the event concluded, here was the final tally out of 62 votes cast:

FINAL RESULTS

Ron Paul 28 votes (45.2%)
Rudy Giuliani 9 votes (14.6%)
Mitt Romney 9 votes (14.6%)
Fred Thompson 8 votes (12.9%)
Mike Huckabee 2 votes (3.2%)
Undecided 2 votes (3.2%)
Sam Brownback 1 vote (1.6%)
Duncan Hunter 1 vote (1.6%)
John McCain 1 vote (1.6%)
Colin Powell (write-in) 1 vote (1.6%)
Newt Gingrich 0 votes
Tom Tancredo 0 votes

We were very pleased by the fact that we were able to mobilize our members, and to show the organizational strength of Ron Paul in Pennsylvania. The list of victories continues to grow, and we know we are doing our part to spread the word. Believe me, people are beginning to notice as I saw firsthand and this is making a huge impact.