

April 18,2017 Minutes for the Mason County Republican Executive Committee Meeting

Chairwoman Carolyn Cater opened our meeting at 6:35 in the Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room at the Mason County Airport Building.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was led by Tim Muldoon.

Present in order from the sign in sheet: Tim Muldoon, Cathy Ingraham, Rosemarie DeLoof, Rod Merrill, Hand and Joyce Wykretowicz, Heather Vandervest, Kris Struve, Diane and Curt VanderWall, Wally Taranko, Kim Cole, Lyla McClelland, Carole Johnson, John Kreinbrink, John Beckett, Jim Bachelder, Paul McCrath, Cheryl and D.Wayne Kelly, Carolyn Cater and Rebecca Robinson.

Minutes: were provided via email prior to the meeting and tonight were available for viewing on the wall screen. There were no questions and D.Wayne K motioned to accept with Rose D support. Minutes were approved as submitted.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted by John Kreinbrink. He projected the financials on the wall screen for viewing and went over each page. One new expense is the cost for internet hosting which had been paid by Brad Chandonnet for the last couple years. Jim B made the motion to accept the Report and Kim C supported. The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

Introduction of Guests: Wally Taranko is here to be our Featured Speaker at the end of our meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lyla summarized the work accomplished so far for the Annual Lincoln Day Dinner. She has made arrangements for the advertising and that will start daily on Monday the 24rth. So far we have 21 paid sponsors which is 1 more than the total last year. She expects between 70-90 to attend the dinner. Rod is our publisher of the program and the Facebook posts to advertise for the sponsors and Gifts in Kind Donors. He will be out of town and not able to publish anything submitted after May 3rd. Lyla has made arrangements for our singer Taylor Makowicki to be compensated with a Chuck Wagon Gift Certificate in lieu of a dinner ticket in the amount of \$40. She is unable to stay for the dinner. The Audience questions for Huizenga will be assigned to officers of the Committee by Carolyn Cater and cover Immigration, Health Care, Apportionment, and Great Lakes water Issues.

Sheriff Kim Cole brought up that he and Jody Hartley will be inside at the dinner and one deputy in the parking lot. He expects some trouble and will check with the Mason County Prosecutor's office to make sure what procedures he can follow to remove people if needed. Cheryl Kelly advises that we post a No Refund sign visible in the entrance area so that people will be less likely to want to lose their \$40.

Carolyn Cater mentioned posting flyers in local businesses which have public bulletin boards.

Committee Reports

Media Master Rod Merrill reports that all sponsors have been promoted on Facebook and he has updated our website. He will publish Lincoln Dinner information after the Dinner because it will be Complete. He has done an amazing job with both the website and our facebook group pages. He has posted invitations for most of our events for the year already.

Speaker Committeewoman Rosemarie DeLoof reports that our speaker for May is Wayne Schoonover from the Road Commission and for June she scheduled Joe Folland from the Oathkeepers. We are in need of speakers for the rest of the year beyond that.

NEW BUSINESS:

Highway Cleanup will happen this coming Friday April 21 at 6pm meeting at the Pere Marquette Township Office parking lot. We need a dozen volunteers. We will receive instructions, bags and vests there in the parking lot. A sign- up sheet is going around the room and Hank W has brought the state safety video for us to view at the end of this meeting prior to the speaker. Paul M volunteered to place the flag markers. Sheriff Cole reminds us to keep alert to the sign of meth lab evidence which can be dangerous and to alert the Sheriff Dept instead of bagging it up.

Curt VanderWall hosted a coffee hour locally and that went pretty well. Carolyn attended. Other events in the area include Lincoln Dinner in Oceana County where Carolyn, Cathy and Rose plan to attend. There are benefits for Joe Cooper including a pancake breakfast at Riverton town hall on the 22nd and a spaghetti dinner at Big Boy on the 24th. Business after hours is the 26th at Lincoln Hills. There are events in Manistee Lincoln Dinner in May with Senator Coburt speaking.

Lyla brought up the Secretary of State report on organ donor percentage in Michigan vs. other states just as a matter of FYI. We are at 39%

Next meeting is May 16th in this same location and again at 6:30. We adjourned after the safety video and moved right into Wally Taranko speaking time.

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