

August 21, 2018 Minutes for Mason County Republican Executive Committee

Co-Chairman John Beckett called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the meeting room of the Mason County Chamber of Commerce in Ludington.

Cathy Ingraham led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Sheriff Kim Cole, Curt Vanderwall, Jim Bachelder, John Beckett, Cathy Ingraham, Carole Johnson, D.Wayne Kelly, John Kreinbrink, Lyla McClelland, Tim Muldoon, Rebecca Robinson, Hank and Joyce Wykretowicz.

Absent with excuse: Rosemarie DeLoof, Nancy Mauer, and Rod Merrill.

Guests: Ruth Atkins Brandon Wright, Brian Patrick, David and Joan Killion, Heather Vandervest, Diane Vanderwall, and Charlie Robinson.

Co-Chairman John Beckett asked if there were any additions to the Agenda. Lyla McClelland requested to add Friday Night Live report to the agenda. D.Wayne Kelly made the motion to accept the agenda with the addition and Jim Bachelder supported. The Agenda was approved.

Introduction of Guests:

Ruth Atkins is a new Delegate for Branch Township and participated in the August 16th County Convention. She is interested in attending our meetings to get to know us and what we do. Joan and David Killion also are new Delegates for Ludington and are interested in learning about what we do in this county. They also attended the County Convention. Brandon Wright is here from the State Party to set up some schedule for meeting with our members to get campaign activities underway for the midterms. And Brian Patrick is here from Huizenga office to give us an update which he can do later in the meeting.

Secretary Rebecca Robinson had emailed copies of the Minutes from the July 17 meeting to all prior to the meeting. There were some corrections emailed regarding the public comment on page 3. Comment was negative and needs to be removed regarding our Lincoln Dinner Venue discussion. All are in agreement during discussion. Also spelling of Marcia Sadler name needed to be corrected. See the document as corrected. Hank Wykretowicz made the motion to approve the minutes with those corrections and D.Wayne Kelly supported. Minutes were approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report was submitted by email prior to this meeting by Treasurer John Kreinbrink and he also has documents on overhead screen for us to view. Expense Detail report has new expenses for this month of phone bill, payment for the banners from Barber Signs, catering service from Marcia Sadler for the Kurtis Wilder luncheon, and reimbursement for purchase of tarp hardware to Lyla McClelland. In the Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual report we have a Gross Profit of \$9704.76 which is over budget by over \$2854.76 and expenses of \$7737.14 which leaves us with a Net of \$1967.62 income which is over budget by \$550.07 The Balance Sheet shows us with a combined balance in our checking accounts of \$7571.33 John said we received a \$150 check for our share of the Badger event for general election. The only other new asset we have is the 4 Mason County Rep Party Banners at \$212. Hank Wykretowicz made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted with D.Wayne Kelly supported. The report was approved.

Committee Reports:

Friday Night Live was submitted by Lyla McClelland. We had a booth downtown July 13, 20, 27 and Aug 3. Attendance was not as good as hoped for. The written report includes details of who participated

and the costs. Lyla suggested we request to be allowed to rotate locations next year with other booths for more exposure.

Luncheon for Justice Kurtis Wilder was also reported on by Event Chair Lyla McClelland. He brought with him Supreme Court Justice Markham. Marcia Sadler delivered food for the 38 people at a cost of \$285. The event was a big hit. It was invitation only to Judges, Bar Association, Law enforcement, Commissioners, County Officials, Executive Committee members, Precinct delegates, candidates and Mason County Press and Daily News. It was held at the Resource Center from 11:30 to 1pm on Aug 1.

Mason County Fair Booth report was submitted by Lyla as well. The fair was Aug 7-12 where we had volunteers to set up and man the booth each day and evening. We had a candy dish on the table which was quite popular but the building was not as busy as it could have been. Lyla will attend the fair board meeting on Sept 10th to offer suggestions for improving the numbers of people visiting the commercial building. We were requested to have our booth open day and evening but not many people are there early in the day. More volunteers would be a bonus for next year.

By-Laws and Policies and Regulation document was emailed with the packet prior to this meeting. Hank was not at the last Steering Committee meeting where this was looked at. We need to vote on this to approve the changes. We need a 30 day notice to all members to meet our own rules. So we are within this by our September meeting where we will vote on the revised By-Laws. Brandon Wright mentioned that we can be more strict in our regulations than the State but not less strict. The state says a vote of 66 and 2/3rds of those members present is needed. Hank Wykretowicz the chair of the By-Laws Committee asked us to raise hands if we wanted the 60% as written in our revised version or to follow the State with 66 and 2/3rds. Majority approved of the 66 and 2/3s. He will rewrite that section and it will be mailed out with the notice for the vote at the next meeting. We all agree that we need to get this done as we have been trying to get a vote accomplished since April.

Unfinished Business:

We need to come to agreement on a new time and/or day for our meeting in 2019. We can move to the second Tuesday or Thursday at the same time or we need to choose a new location if we want the same time we have now. We all agree that we enjoy the meeting room at the Chamber and will revisit this next meeting to make our new day decision.

New Business:

Two Page Rack Card to display at the Chamber and other business or for mailings. John Beckett has a sample done but did not have a copy printed in time for this meeting. We will look at that at the next meeting.

Hi-Way Clean-up is coming up again in Sept for the week of the 22nd -30th. We have decided to plan on Monday the 24th at 6pm at the Pere Marquette Township Hall Parking Lot as usual and since our next meeting is the week prior we can RSVP to Hank then. In case of rain we can reschedule for the 27th. Headquarters can be located downtown in the City Center Building rental unit if we want to go ahead and agree to \$750 for the 2 months from Sept 10-Nov 10. John Kreinbrink is working on a contract with the owner of that building. Hank Wykretowicz made the motion to pay that rent for the 2 months to secure that rental unit for our Headquarters with Jim Bachelder supporting. Motion carried and John will get that paid for us. We will start a sign up sheet at the next meeting to volunteer each day for the 4-6pm time frame.

Fall Picnic is scheduled for September 16 on Sunday at 1-3pm in Suttons Landing park. We need to pay the \$40 fee to secure the pavilion in order to be able to reserve for that day. Jim Bachelder made the

motion to go ahead and have John Kreinbrink pay that fee so we can get it reserved for that date.

Joyce Wykretowicz supported and the motion carried.

Our next meeting will take place at All Seasons Resort in the pavilion on Long Lake. Becky and Charlie Robinson will provide grilled burgers, buns, and condiments and beverages. Please bring a dish to pass if you can and invite guests. We can get there to eat at 6pm and start the meeting on time at 6:30.

Public Comments:

Boomer is excited for the November elections. He reports that the polls have been steadily improving. Brandon Wright plans to be in our county at least every 2 weeks to meet with volunteers to be participating in campaign activities. We need to be vigilant to win these elections.

Jim Bachelder made the motion to adjourn at 7:30pm and Joyce Wykretowicz supported. We adjourned.

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