

## **July 17,2018 Minutes for the Mason County Republican Executive Committee Meeting**

**Chairwoman Rosemarie DeLoof called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room at the Ludington Chamber of Commerce Building. She asked John Beckett to lead the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Members present: Sheriff Kim Cole, County Clerk Cheryl Kelly, County Treasurer Andrew Kmetz, Commissioner Wally Taranko, Vice-Chairman John Beckett, Chairwoman Rosemarie DeLoof, Cathy Ingraham, D.Wayne Kelly, Treasurer John Kreinbrink, Nancy Mauer, Lyla McClelland, Rod Merrill, Secretary Rebecca Robinson, Hank and Joye Wykretowicz. Guests: Jason Watts, Dee and Stan Bennette. Absent with excuse: Jim Bachelder, Carole Johnson, Tim Muldoon, and Carolyn Cater.**

**Chairwoman Rosemarie DeLoof called for a motion to approve the agenda. Cheryl Kelly made that motion and Hank Wykretowicz supported. The Agenda as provided by Rosemarie was approved.**

**Guests were introduced. Stan and Dee Bennette are frequent attenders to our meetings but this day they are here to recruit volunteers to help with the Right to Life booth at the County Fair. Jason Watts is here representing candidate for Secretary of State Mary Treader Lang and will be available after or meeting to answer any questions.**

**Minutes from the June 19th meeting were provided to members via email and here at this meeting in print. No discussion or recommended corrections needed. Rod Merrill made the motion to accept the minutes as submitted and Joyce Wykretowicz supported. Minutes were approved.**

**Treasurer John Kreinbrink had emailed reports prior to this meeting and also presented on the power point screen for us to follow. Balance Sheet shows total of \$8097.46 currently in both administrative and state accounts. The Admin account can receive donations from corporations because it is not used for campaign related expenses but the State account cannot accept corporate funds because it can pay for campaign related expenses. Expense Detail for July includes phone bill, reimbursement for candy purchase by Cathy Ingraham for the 4th of July parade, catering for the candidate Meet and Greet and the Ludington Daily News advertising for the candidate debate and Meet and Greet. The Profit and Loss vs. Actual report has us over budget for net income. Total income \$9976.76 minus expenses of \$7016.01 leaves us net income of \$2493.75 See documents provided for more detail. Hank Wykretowicz made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report with Joyce Wykretowicz supporting. The Report was approved.**

### **Committee Reports:**

**Event Meet and Greet report was read aloud and submitted in writing for the record by Lyla McClelland. The event had about 45 attendees with good representation for all candidate offices but we had hoped for more constituents to attend. It was held June 27th but may have been better attended held closer to the primary.**

Speaker Committee Chair Rosemarie DeLoof reported that Janice Lamb and Vicki Collins will share the speaker time after our meeting tonight but that for the rest of this year we will not host speakers unless it is a critical political topic.

**Unfinished Business:**

Rosemarie DeLoof called for a motion concerning support for Sheriff Department millage request for 2 more road patrol deputy positions. Hank Wykretowicz made the motion to establish a resolution to publish our support of the millage in the Ludington Daily Newspaper. Joyce Wykretowicz supported and the motion was passed. The Officers will write that up get it published asap.

**New Business:**

Hi-Way clean-up started on July 14 and goes through the 22nd so we need to select a date now and sign up to volunteer in order to get that done. Monday the 23rd was suggested and Rebecca R will send out a reminder to RSVP with Hank Wykretowicz so that he can organize. We need at least 8 people. We will meet in the Pere Marquette Township Parking lot at 6:30 as usual on that evening.

The Fair Booth is to be set up Sunday August 5th at 1pm and volunteers are needed for that and shifts daily. Sign up sheet has been circulated here for that and Lyla will call Friday to make sure we have our space reserved.

Headquarters for the general election is needed. There is no room available at the Stearns. There is a space available in the City Center Building downtown Ludington. Lyla got a tentative quote for 6-7 weeks starting around Sept 25th for \$675. We also need volunteers for daily 4-6pm shifts. D.Wayne Kelly made the motion to rent that space in the City Center Building and John Beckett supported. Lyla will work with the landlord on specifics. The motion passed.

Meet and Greet event for Justice Kurtis Wilder on August 1st was requested by Judge Jeff Nellis for us to host. We can use the Resource Center luncheon room for a luncheon at 11:30-1pm time frame. Lyla will work on inviting all the executive committee members and other appropriate officials. Not open to the public. Lyla has called Marcia Sadler for catering prices. For sandwiches, relish tray and brownies which we ourselves would serve will cost \$6.50 per person. About \$325. Rod Merrill made the motion to hire Marsha to cater at not more than \$375 with Joyce Wykretowicz supporting and the motion carried. Please try to attend.

Meeting time and place for 2019 will need to be considered due to our membership expiring here at the Chamber and our time slot has been taken by the County Planning Commission for next year. Do we want to renew our membership in order to use this meeting room? We can discuss the new time and day at our next meeting if we decide to stay with the Chamber. D.Wayne Kelly made the motion that we go ahead and pay our membership dues for the next year with Hank Wykretowicz supporting. The motion was passed and John Kreinbrink will pay our dues. We can continue to have our materials displayed here at the Visitor Center and the staff will refer phone contacts as they have been doing as well as being able to continue using this room to hold our meetings.

Public Comments were offered regarding feedback given to a member about the Stearns Hotel owner

wanting us to consider that venue for our annual Lincoln Day Dinner event. We are open to all venues and choose that in the spring as a group.

Stan Bennette again mentioned that they really need some of us to volunteer at the Fair Booth for the Right to Life if we are able.

Hank Wykretowicz made the motion to adjourn and let the speakers begin. John Beckett supported and we adjourned promptly at 7:30pm.

Rosemarie DeLoof introduced Jannice Lamm Administrator at Oakview Medical Care Facility here to talk about the millage renewal request. She handed out printed materials with a description of all the services and programs this money would provide for. Also Vicki Collins Director of the Ludington Area Senior Center spoke about the millage renewal needed to support many programs offered by the Area Centers including Ludington, Scottville, Tallman and Freesoil. They both went into great detail about how these monies will be spent to greatly impact services for Seniors in this Community.

RR/August 18,2018

Corrections Aug 27,2018 /RR