

June 19,2018 Minutes of the Mason County Republican Executive Committee Meeting

Temporary Chairman John Beckett called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the conference room at the Ludington Area Chamber of Commerce Building Meeting Room. He then asked for a volunteer to lead the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Tim Muldoon led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Sheriff Kim Cole, Jim Bachelder, John Beckett, Rosemarie DeLoof, Cathy Ingraham, D.Wayne Kelly, John Kreinbrink, Nancy Mauer, Lyla McClelland, Rod Merrill, Tim Muldoon, Rebecca Robinson, Hank and Joyce Wykretowicz. Excused:Cheryl Kelly, Carolyn Cater, and Carole Johnson. Guests present: Kris Struve and Erin Cater.

There were no new guests to introduce.

There were no public comments.

Minutes for the May 15th meeting had been posted by Rod Merrill on our facebook page with no corrections recommended. After Secretary Rebecca Robinson emailing a copy of the final draft to each member Cathy Ingraham read a statement for discussion of areas for concern about minutes details. No other discussion or action taken.

D.Wayne Kelly mentioned that the minutes are final and can't be changed now. Jim Bachelder motioned that the minutes be approved as submitted and D.Wayne Kelly supported. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer John Kreinbrink emailed the financials to each member prior to our meeting to review. The documents were also projected on the screen for us to follow along as he reported. Under the Expense Detail report new expenses included the \$60 rental fee for using the Center for the Arts in Ludington for the Debate and Meet-N-Greet, \$25 donation for the Friday Night Live Booth, and reimbursement to Cathy Ingraham for bottled water she supplied for the bus trip to the Capitol \$11.96. The Balance Sheet reflects a Total Balance in the checking accounts of \$9090.93. Please refer to the documents for more detail. D.Wayne Kelly made the motion to accept the financials with Jim Bachelder supporting. The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Although Carolyn Cater resigned verbally at the last meeting to be effective June 1st and submitted that resignation to the Committee via email we still needed to have a vote to accept. D.Wayne Kelly made the motion to vote to accept the resignation and Jim Bachelder supported that motion. Members voted and the resignation was approved.

Candidate Debate at the Ludington Center for the Arts June 14th: Lyla McClelland submitted the written report and read it aloud. There were approximately 55 people attending, Candidates for 35th District included Ray Franz, Bruce Rendon, Cary Urka, and Curt VanderWall, for the 101st House District Carolyn Cater and Jack O'Malley and for the 7th Commissioner District for Mason County Ron

Bacon and John Schulke participated. Pastor Brad Chandonnet moderated. Total expenses for the event totaled \$141.13.

Parade/Candy Committee: Cathy Ingraham had agreed to purchase \$300 candy from Sam's Club and she did that. She has the candy at her home and is willing to house the trailer again at her home to be decorated. That will need to be delivered the weekend prior to the parade to have time for volunteers to decorate. John Kreinbrink agreed to chair this committee and help with decorating. Charlie Robinson will deliver the trailer and Hank Wykretowicz will use his truck to pull it in the parade. A sign up sheet has gone around for people to volunteer for this event. Cathy Ingraham also had purchased t-shirts for us and those can be picked up from her. Please wear them the 4th as we walk and ride on the float. We haven't yet paid for our entrance fee and there will be a late fee attached at this date. D.Wayne Kelly made the motion that we pay the fee to enter the parade with extra late fee attached asap and Joyce Wykretowicz supported that motion. We voted to pay to enter the parade event.

By-Laws Committee: Hank Wykretowicz will call a meeting of committee members to look over the By-Laws to edit and then we can decide at our next meeting what is needed to approve the revisions.

Friday Night Live Report: Lyla McClelland reported that we have already paid the \$25 donation fee for our booth location and there is a sign up sheet being passed around for people to volunteer for each date. Specifics can be communicated through emails and texts for those participating.

NEW BUSINESS:

For the upcoming Meet-N-Greet event Lyla McClelland has sent emails to each candidate except those to be chosen at Primaries. We need to order food from the caterers. Lyla can do the ordering she just needs us to agree on a price. Hank Wykretowicz made the motion to spend not more than \$350 for the food and Jim Bachelder supported. The motion was approved.

Canopy: Lyla McClelland has a \$200 quote from Colleen who did our other work in past. She can provide the lettering for the banner. Hank Wykretowicz made the motion to get that work done and Jim Bachelder supported. The motion passed for Lyla to order the banner from Colleen Barber.

Fair Booth: Lyla McClelland reports that we are late in paying for the fair booth and it will cost \$90 with the late fee to rent now. D.Wayne Kelly made the motion to pay the late fee and rent for the booth and Jim Bachelder supported. We voted to pass that motion and participate in the fair this year.

Call for Motion for new Chair through the end of 2018: Hank Wykretowicz nominated Rosemarie DeLoof and Rose accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. John Beckett then closed the nominations and D.Wayne Kelly made the motion to vote for Rose DeLoof to become the Chairwoman. Hank Wykretowicz supported and we voted to place Rose in the Chair position until the end of 2018 when new election can take place.

D.Wayne Kelly made the motion to adjourn and we all agreed to give time for Sheriff Kim Cole to speak. The meeting was adjourned.

Sheriff Cole had an excellent and very compelling talk on reasons why a millage for increased deputies on road patrol should be passed. There are currently 12 deputies but 70% of the time to cover the entire county there are only 2 out there on patrol. If there happens to be a serious accident that could pull a deputy for hours from the road. Additionally there is an increase in crime and accidents. We have a human trafficking problem here already and along with increased drug abuse and deaths from overdoses and such we need to be prepared. We viewed a video by the Manasseh Project which shows the extent of the trafficking here in this area specifically Grand Rapids. This will be up for renewal in 8 years.

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