

June 20, 2017 Minutes for the Mason County Republican Executive Committee Meeting

Chairwoman Carolyn Cater called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Present: Becky Robinson, Carolyn Cater, Rod Merrill, Lyla McClelland, Rosemarie DeLoof, Hank and Joyce Wykretowicz, Carole Johnson, John Beckett, Paul McCrath, John Kreinbrink, Tim Muldoon, Jim Bachelder, Cheryl and D Wayne Kelly, Kim Cole, Cathy Ingraham, Heather Vandervest, and Brad Chandonnet. Guests: Pat Marley, Pat Ingison, Joe Folland, Joann Foley, Ann Marie Folland. Absent: Sue Boes.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Beckett.

Minutes were provided by email to everyone on the mailing list by Becky Robinson and also posted by Rod Merrill on facebook page prior to this meeting. D Wayne Kelly made the motion to accept minutes as submitted and Jim Bachelder supported. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer John Kreinbrink presented financial documents via email before the meeting and also projected on the wall screen during the meeting for discussion. There were paper copies distributed. There was some discussion on assets recorded and gifts in kind received. Also mentioned that the Fall Picnic costs depend on how many memberships are paid. Lyla will elaborate on the financial details for the Lincoln Dinner in her committee report. Rose motioned to accept the treasurer's report and Tim Muldoon supported. The report was approved.

Guest Joe Folland was introduced as our featured speaker for the day. He brought his family and resides here in Mason County and is anxious to begin good work here for the Oathkeepers Association. He introduced his wife and daughter.

OLD BUSINESS

We had discussed at our previous meeting the need to fill vacancies for the Mason County Board of Canvassers. Cheryl discussed briefly the duties of the person who serves as a Canvasser. Lyla McClelland, Rod Merrill and Jim Bachelder were nominated and they accepted. Carolyn will submit these names to Clerk Cheryl Kelly and the Board will fill that vacancy from those names.

There was no Issues and Priorities report today.

Highway clean up is the week of July 15-23. Hank needs to recruit some volunteers. It was decided to do this on the 24th when more people could participate. So we will meet at 6pm on that day in the parking lot of the Pere Marquette Township Hall. We have another meeting prior to that event which will give us time to get a list of those participating.

Rose reported for the speaker committee that she arranged for Kayla Myers from the Muskegon Alzheimers Association to speak at our July meeting. We don't have anyone scheduled for August yet.

Rod Merrill reported for the MediaMaster committee that he continues to post sponsors for the Lincoln Day Dinner and gifts in kind contributors on facebook and our website which will continue on through the summer on a rotating basis.

Lyla McClelland reported on the Events committee. She submitted a detailed written report which she read aloud. Critique of this year determined that next year we should collect the auction donations prior to the dinner and that those people who must cancel need to do so in a timely manner so that we don't have to pay for those dinners. Reminders need to be made in the weeks prior to the dinner. See the posted financial reports for those details about income and expenses. Lyla also made a motion to set the date now for the Lincoln Dinner next year at around the last week of March and that we invite candidates to speak. Jim B supported and the motion was approved. Cathy Ingraham wanted to discuss an event coming up where we would rent a bus and transport youth to the Capitol. We decided that it was a couple months early to discuss this and to wait until corporate organizations begin their charity budgeting for the year so we can tap into those resources. We also set the date for the Fall Picnic at Sept 10 and Lyla will arrange to reserve the Suttons Park Pavilion.

NEW BUSINESS

Carolyn reported on the Freedom Festival Parade. We would like many more volunteers than we had last year. She encouraged inviting friends and family. The Right to Life group will not have their own float this year so they are invited to walk along with us. We discussed the need for passing out candy and decided that the expense of candy was better spent on other projects. The plan is to again decorate the Robinson's trailer and Hank volunteered his truck to pull it. We will be emailing each other to communicate about decorations etc. There is a sign up sheet for volunteers going around tonight. The sign up sheet also includes a page for Friday Night Live which is coming up soon. There are 4 Fridays to man the booth. A practice run for setting up the canopy will happen on June 29 and those who want to participate can call 845 6300 for specifics.

Carolyn had added many local upcoming events to our agenda in case we are interested. Also Brad Chandonnet brought flyers for the Patriot Sunday celebration at his church. The service starts at 10:30 with lunch at noon. That is Gospel Light Baptist Church on 105 N. Dennis in Ludington on July 2. You can call 845 0111 if you need more information.

Our meeting was adjourned with a reminder that the next meeting is July 18 same place and time. We will now give our attention to Joe Folland to speak about Oathkeepers Association.

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