

March 20,2018 Minutes for the Mason County Republican Executive Committee Meeting

Chairwoman Carolyn Cater called the meeting to order in the Chamber of Commerce meeting room at around 6:30 and asked for a volunteer to lead the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul McCrath volunteered to lead our Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:Carolyn Cater, Cheryl Kelly, John Beckett, Cathy Ingraham, Carole Johnson, D. Wayne Kelly John Kreinbrink, Rebecca Robinson, Nancy Mauer,Lyla McClelland, Tim Muldoon, Joyce Wykretowicz, Jim Bachelder, Rosemarie DeLoof, Rod Merrill and Guests: John Z. Wells, Heather Vandervest, Charlie Robinson, Paul McCrath, Alyssa VanderWall, Diane VanderWall, and Mary Treder Lang, Brian Patrick(Boomer) from Huizenga office. Hank Wykretowicz was absent with excuse.

Introduction of Guests:

Boomer from Huizenga Office is here to deliver a \$500 gift from Bill Huizenga to go toward the bus trip to the Capitol. He updated us on what has been worked on at the Federal level which impacts us here in our county. He listed items included in the Omnibus such as pay raises for troops. He talked about the Great Lakes Restoration Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund that Huizenga has been working on to get more of the money directed to actual Harbor maintenance rather than funneled off for other projects. Cathy Ingraham asked why we need to create more debt through this huge spending bill.

Mary Treder Lang is campaigning for the Secretary of State. She introduced Ean her campaign manager. She briefly described her background and family. She has not been in politics prior to this run. She is concerned about security for the elections and has excellent skills for many years in computer security. She is running this important race because her opponent has the backing of George Soros and their agenda is to change the political lines to give strength to democrats.

John Wells is from the state party and he is here to support efforts to get increased delegates out to those areas in our state which have been targeted by the democratic party of which Mason County is one.

Minutes from February 20th meeting were typed and posted for comments and corrections by Cathy Ingraham. Rebecca Robinson sent them via email to members and guests prior to the meeting. There were no changes or discussion. Rod Merrill made the motion to approve as submitted and D.Wayne Kelly supported. Minutes were approved. Cathy did an excellent job completing the meeting minutes.

Treasurer John Kreinbrink submitted financial documents via email to members and also provided some paper copies to review at this meeting. Bills for March included telephone, stamps and envelopes. A donation check had to be returned to Joseph Sanders, Inc due to the rule about corporate checks not being acceptable. John mentioned that we can be prepared to accept credit cards by the time Lincoln Dinner event happens. He has looked into a couple options for processors and Square looks like the simplest to use to start with. The equipment is \$29 for the chip reader and the rate to physically charge a card with the person present is 2.75% and a percent higher if we type in and send via internet with person calling or mailing in their info. Cheryl Kelly suggested we add a written published disclaimer so that people know what fees are attached to their charge and can make that decision with full knowledge. For example the added fee on a \$40 Lincoln Dinner would be \$1.10. Also there were questions regarding the admin account vs the corporate account and when can cash be accepted. \$20 or less can be accepted in cash with the person providing name and address for our receipts and records. Higher amounts must be credit card or check to be traceable.

Lyla M made the motion to set up the credit card processing according to John Kreinbrink's recommendation with the disclaimer policy in place to let people know they will be charged additional fee to cover processing costs. Joyce supported and the motion was approved.

D.wayne made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report with Jim B supporting. The report was approved.

Old Business

Speakership Committee was reported on by Rose DeLoof.

Rose DeLoof reported there were no speakers after June so that we can have candidates attending our meetings to have adequate time to speak. She had booked Paul Spaniola District Attorney for Mason County as speaker for April and for May Carolyn Cater had suggested Attorney Carlos Alvarado who is an expert on Immigration. While Rose was gone for the past couple months Tim Muldoon had been working on getting speakers also. He had speakers lined up for April-May-June and July. So the April speaker was to be James Jensen from White Pines Village. Several members were opposed to having democratic speakers Paul and Carlos. Cheryl Kelly suggested we try to get Sheriff Cole to speak on upcoming legislation affecting our county and that the White Pine Village speaker if he came could speak about the upcoming millage affecting White Pine Village and the Maritime Museum.

Due to this confusion it was recommended that only one person book the speakers and that in important election years we only have political candidates speak with other speakers to be scheduled in off season months. John Kreinbrink made a suggestion that if it is important to hear from nonpolitical speakers we might use some funds from the administrative account to host an event and invite the public to join us.

Carolyn reminded us that speakerships are not mandatory and we should focus on the candidates in election years.

Bus Trip Committee was reported on by Lyla McClelland. She thanked Boomer for the \$500 donation from Huizenga toward sponsorships or expenses and that gives us a surplus. Cathy Ingraham will do the work of collecting donations of snacks and drinks from local businesses or perhaps use some of the surplus for purchases. Brad Chandonnet delivered enough copies of the pocket constitutions for all participants.

New Business

Lincoln Day Dinner plans and progress were reported by Lyla McClelland. Carolyn brought membership applications and contribution forms with the letter that goes out in the mailings. We members who have not yet paid can take those and fill in or share with others we think might be interested. Sponsorships are

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\$25 each again this year and Rod M is working on the program and also to post these on our facebook page as they come in. Silent auction will not happen but there will be a game of skill offered to raise funds. Details are not yet confirmed on what that will include. We will meet in this committee to assign volunteers for the event positions such as introducing speakers and guests, invocation and whatever else may be needed. Hank W received a donation of Badger tickets to use as needed. We will use them in a prize for the game of skill.

We will be able to accept credit cards at the dinner at the front door. We will open at 5:30 this year which is earlier than in past years. That will be helpful in many ways.

John Beckett developed a great looking new brochure for us. There are many copies here at this meeting which can be folded to be placed in our slot here at the Chamber.

Jim Bachelder brought information on AMAC for us to learn about. This is a conservative alternative to the AARP. Very similar offerings on discounts etc.

D.Wayne Kelly made the motion to adjourn so that we can get to our featured speaker Cheryl Kelly our Mason County Clerk. Jim B supported that motion and we adjourned.

Cheryl talked about the elections coming up and she brought the precinct delegate forms for us to fill in if interested and she notarized for us.

RR/ 4-3-2018

Correction 4-8-18