

Minutes of the Mason County Republican Party Executive Committee Meeting held on January 20, 2015 at 6:30 pm at The Bookmark in Ludington, MI.

Members Present: John Kreinbrink, Rod Merrill, Susan Boes, Paul McCrath, Rebecca Robinson, Charles Robinson, Jim Bachelder, John Beckett, Phil DeVries, Joyce Wykretowicz, Hank Wykretowicz, Steve Hull (county commissioner), Lyla McClelland.

Members Excused: Brad Chandonnet

Guests Present: Joel Poynter (Lake County Republican Committee Chairman)

The meeting was called to order by John Kreinbrink.

The invocation and pledge of allegiance were led by Paul McCrath.

Guest Joel Poynter was introduced.

December minutes were presented by Secretary Rebecca Robinson. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was raised by Rod Merrill and seconded by Jim Bachelder. The motion was carried.

Treasurer Paul McCrath presented the financial report which has not changed since December 2014 meeting. Susan Boes and Rod Merrill completed requested audit for 2013-14 records on January 15. Susan submitted a copy of their report for the permanent record. They found all financial records in good order with no errors. A motion to approve the report was raised by Phil DeVries and seconded by Jim Bachelder. The motion carried.

Chairman John Kreinbrink reported that the election of Executive Committee officers for the 2015-16 term are John to continue as Chairman, Vice Chair is Susan Boes, Secretary is Rebecca Robinson, and Paul McCrath to remain as Treasurer.

John Kreinbrink briefly discussed the Drain Commissioner Office opening. Apparently there are 3 people who have applied for the position but we don't know the status of that. This discussion will continue in future meetings.

Joel Poynter spoke to us regarding a proposal to combine our efforts to develop a Mason-Lake Young Republican Group. The group would offer activities and mentoring to age group 17-college. Joel recommended we invite Mike Banerian (candidate for youth chair at state level) to advise us. After discussion it was recommended that we approve a 6 person committee with John Kreinbrink to participate as ex-officio member. The 3 Mason County members volunteering for this committee are Susan Boes, Joyce Wykretowicz, and Jim Bachelder. Jim Bachelder made a motion to approve this committee and Susan Boes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

John Kreinbrink reported that he mailed call to convention letters to delegates for the February 5 meeting at 7 pm at the Mason County Courthouse in the Circuit Court Chamber on the 2nd floor. The purpose is to elect Delegates and Alternates to attend the State Convention in the City of Lansing at the Lansing Center February 20-21,2015. Everyone reported receiving a copy of the invitation.

John Kreinbrink invited discussion of the 2015 dues issue. Rod Merrill submitted an analysis of 2013-14 revenue and expenses and the 2015 budget worksheet. After much discussion a motion was made to ammend the membership dues to \$25 for supporting membership, \$60 for sustaining w/\$35 to go toward Lincoln Dinner, \$100 for Bronze, \$150 for Silver, \$250 for Gold. Jim Bachelder made the motion to accept the ammendment and John Beckett seconded. The motion carried. John Kreinbrink will correct the new member application to incorporate these changes and submit to Rebecca Robinson for posting on the website.

The Lincoln Dinner plan was discussed. Lyla offered to take charge of working with the Lincoln Hills group to find out available dates. John Kreinbrink will connect with Bill Schutte office to confirm his ability to attend. More discussion of this in our next meeting. Lyla will be the go-to person for planning etc. for this event.

Next Meeting Time is February 17,2015 at 6:30 at the Bookmark.

Paul McCrath made the motion to adjourn and Hank Wykretowicz seconded. The meeting was adjourned.