

Mason County Republican Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2024

Call to Order – 6:30 pm.

Invocation – Pastor Brian Ford

Pledge – Ben Norton

Roll Call by Tina Shirshun – Present: Kirk Chavalia, Verna Chavalia, Bill Chye, Pastor Brian Ford, Sheila Genter, Duane Hobart, Cynthia Johnson, Jason Kirkpatrick, Cindy Muzzo, Ben Norton, Nicole Norton, Charles Robinson, Tina Shirshun.

Excused Absences: Margaret Greiner, Eric Juers, Rebecca Robinson, Ron Bacon, Cheryl Kelly, Beth Hand, Kim Cole.

Guests: Randy Williams, Aldon Maleckas, Shaun Shoemate, Monica Hoiles, Dan Fulton, Lyla McClelland, Phil Yarbrough, Carole Johnson, Loretta Anderson, Gabe from Moolenaar team, Daniel Jensen, Linda Kurncz, Carolyn Cater, Elaine Cater, Cathy Ingraham, Jim Bachelder, Chris Cook, and Marta Greenslait.

Approval of the July 2, 2024 Meeting Minutes –

***Motion** made by Verna Chavalia to approve the July 2, 2024 meeting minutes. Seconded by Cynthia Johnson. No discussion. **Motion carried.**

Treasury Report –

Sheila gave Financial Report in Margaret's absence. The State acct July 1st balance was \$8,238.78. We had 2 new members and paid the Chamber of Commerce annual dues of \$200, the HQ's rent for the month of \$650, Quickbooks monthly fee of \$30, the Western Michigan Fair Booth of \$65, and lastly the Ludington Senior Center room rental for August 15th for County Convention for \$30. July end of the month balance is \$7,439.74 in the State acct. The Admin acct balance on July 1st was \$948.33 and we received some generous donations marked specifically to purchase yard signs and 4x8 signs totaling \$2,971.00. Ending July balance of Admin acct was \$1,788.73. Another donation deposit was made in August \$1735.00 bringing the Admin acct balance to \$3,523.73.

***Motion** made by Bill Chye to approve the Financial Report. Seconded by Pastor Ford. No discussions. Motion carried.

Reports from Committee Members –

Unfinished Business:

B1) Sheila reported on accomplishments since last meeting. July 4th Float was a success and a big thanks to all who helped decorate and those who rode in the parade. 5 volunteers and I completed the Adopt-a-Highway Litter Pick-up on July 16th filling 7 bags of garbage. Next litter pick-up is scheduled for Tuesday, September 24th at 6pm, meet at the PM town hall. The vetting of candidates went well and most answered the questionnaire which was made available with other information at HQs. The GOP booth at the fair was a success. We had a little putting green there where we gave 3 chances to putt into the cup and win a prize (Trump wristbands and bumper stickers were given away as prizes). We also had a new member join the MCR at the fair. Sheila reported that she and her husband along with Charlie Robinson, Kirk Chavalia and Daniel Jensen have now installed a total of 38 4x8 Trump and Trump/Vance signs along US31 North, US10, M116 and many other great well-traveled locations. MCR HQ's has been very busy, Republicans are pumped up and we have handed out over 600 Trump and Trump/Vance yard signs. Another 250 signs should arrive by the end of the week. Donations have been generous for yard and 4x8 signs. Sheila ended announcing that 7 members from the Voter's Integrity Sub-Committee completed the Trump Force 47 training in July and a couple of the Captains have already started door knocking. Any volunteers interested in door knocking or joining the Trump Force 47 team, training will be provided to you by our Trump Force 47 representative. Our Trump Force 47

representative is Quinn Gabriel and she has delivered 300 Trump Take Back America Again yard signs. Signs are free and allowed 1 per person after confirming some basic information.

New Business:

B1) Trump Force 47 door knocking is concentrated on low propensity voters and volunteers are needed.

B2) We have a smaller list of Precinct Delegates than we did 2 years ago. Any Precinct Delegates interested in 1 hour and/or refresher training Sheila will provide that. Precinct Delegates have some duties and represent the “Voice” for the Republican residents in the area in which they reside.

B3) Scheduling the Fall Appreciation Potluck Dinner referring it as the “Final Push,” needs to be completed. Considering how chilly it was last 2 years, she suggested that other locations need to be considered. Some suggestions discussed were Memorial Tree Park, Mason Co Campground Picnic Area, Fin and Feather and a few others. Dates discussed were 9/15 or 9/22 and the group agreed on 9/22. Cynthia Johnson volunteered to look into other places of an outdoor type setting but also had the capabilities of closing walls, windows, if there was colder weather.

Reports from State Elected Officials –

-Gabe (representative) from Moolenaar’s 2nd Congressional Team shared the biggest thing they are trying to do is getting Moolenaar signs next to the big Trump signs. Gabe brought large signs with him so anyone wanting or knowing of someone wanting a big sign is able to take them tonight. Moolenaar updates (See Attached)

Reports from County Elected Officials – none.

Announcements –

-Sheila reminded Precinct Delegates and At-Large Delegates(Statutory Members), that the Mason County Republican Convention will be held on Thursday, 8/15th, 7:00pm, at the Ludington Senior Center at 308 S. Rowe Street. We will vote for 9 Precinct Delegates and 9 Alternates and those Delegates will go on to the State Convention on August 24th and will consider filling any vacant precinct delegate seats.

-Cynthia Johnson shared info on Canvas Board Meetings on August 8th & 9th and again today, August 13th, to finalize election results.

-Verna announced she has the HQ’s schedule for August and September with her should anyone want to sign up for more dates.

Public Comments –

Aldon Maleckas brought in some printed material to share on “What Can Make a Shooter”, Internet Studies from American Institute for Behavioral Research and Technology and some definitions for New People; Randy Williams shared more information on Climate Change, Green New Deal and CO2; Lyla McClelland cleared up a misunderstanding she had on a % reported from election; Loretta Anderson shared her thoughts on Climate Change – “Stop the Jets”; Shaun Shoemate just inquired when training is scheduled; Marta Greenslait shared they are wanting a 4x8 sign on their property this year; Carole Johnson shared we all need to keep praying; Cathy Ingraham shared some info on Tim Walz; Carolyn Cater shared she filled out affidavit to be a write-in on ballot, Sheila advised will check out further.

Adjournment –

***Motion** made by Nicole Norton to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Jason Kirkpatrick. No discussion. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held September 3, 2024 at 6:30pm at Hamlin Town Hall.