

**Mason County Republican Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2025**

Call to Order – 6:30pm

Invocation – Pastor Brian Ford

Pledge – Charles Robinson

Roll Call by Tina Shirshun – Present: Ron Bacon, Kirk Chavalia, Verna Chavalia, Pastor Brian Ford, Sheila Genter, Margaret Greiner, Duane Hobart, Cynthia Johnson, Jason Kirkpatrick, Cindy Muzzo, Shaun Shoemate, Nicole Norton, Charles Robinson, Rebecca Robinson, Tina Shirshun.

Excused Absences: Bill Chye, Tom Johnson

Guests: Shannon Stickney, Dan Fulton, Lyla McClelland, Randy Williams, Phil Yarbrough, Ryan Roberts, Daniel Jensen, Richard Boes, Emmah Coker, Carolyn Cater, Elaine Cater, Aldon Maleckas, Brittany Carsten.

Approval of the January 7, 2025 Minutes –

***Motion** made by Pastor Ford to approve the January 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Verna Chavalia. No discussion. Motion carried.

Treasury Report – Sheila reported on expenses and income for the month of January along with end of the month balances.

***Motion** made by Cynthia Johnson to approve the Financial Report. Seconded by Nicole Norton. No discussion. Motion carried.

Official Business – Reports from Committee Members –

Unfinished Business:

1)Sheila presented the results from the Estimated and Actual 2024 Budget (Income and Expenses) and provided year end balances that balanced with the bank. Sheila then presented the Estimated 2025 Budget highlighting the differences from 2024.

***Motion** made by Jason Kirkpatrick to adopt the proposed 2025 Budget. Seconded by Pastor Ford. No discussion. Motion Carried.

2)Nicole Norton gave an update on the data she collected so far for the Bus Trip to the Capitol which led to good discussion.

New Business:

1)Sheila reported on results from the County Convention which included attendance, permanent Chair and Secretary, the 8 Delegates with majority votes to represent Mason County at the District Caucus and State Convention, and also 3 Alternates. No Precinct Vacancies were filled and 3 guests were present. Sheila thanked all who participated to make it a good Convention.

2)Sheila reminded Executive Committee Members, per By-Laws, membership dues are due 30 days after the January EC meeting.

Reports from Federal & State Elected Officials –

-Emmah (representative from Moolenaar’s office) reported Congressman Moolenaar reintroduced the “No Gotion Act” alongside Congressmen LaHood and Golden. Also mentioned the “National School of

Choice Week” took place January 26th through February 1st and that Congressman Moolenaar will be at the State Convention and looking forward to seeing all the Delegates there. Emmah then entertained questions from committee members.

Reports from County Elected Officials –

-Ron Bacon reported that Fabian’s replacement started Monday and spoke on the Chill Grant Funding, having 120 applications.

-Rebecca with D-2 had no report but did share that there may not be a Meet & Greet at the Convention due to the rules at the Huntington Place.

Announcements – Sheila announced the following:

-Brittany Carsten is running for the D-2 Executive Committee Member and Shaun Shoemate has volunteered to be on the recount team.

-The District Caucus/State Convention is February 21-22 at the Huntington Place in Detroit. District Caucus registration starts at 5:00pm and she has everyone registered and the Caucus starts at 7:00pm.

-The MERT’s Annual Report has been completed and submitted to the state on time.

Public Comments –

Aldon Maleckas passed out a printout and spoke on the US being a Union; Randy Williams spoke on a book “Planet Earth”, CO2, home based battery storage, and organizations that Trump may remove the US from such as Green New Deal, WHO, Paris Climate Agreement etc; Dan Fulton spoke on Global warming and now every state in the US got snow and also suggested that everyone watch the city meeting that took place on January 27th; Lyla McClelland commented on her viewpoint of the Bus Trip for kids; Daniel Jensen commented on EO’s Trump has put in place we need to prepare ourselves for the restructuring; Brittany Carsten shared she wants to help on the bus trip and shared her daughter’s experience with the “Furries” at school; Dick Boes shared he’s been celebrating since the election; Carolyn Cater commented on the USAID and the request from other countries for aid; Shannon Stickney commented on division still happening and we need to make the country better; Jason Kirkpatrick spoke on some of the negative comments coming from Democrats; Margaret Greiner shared her experience on her bus trip to the Inauguration; Ryan Roberts shared comments on a few of the candidates running for the MIGOP Chair.

Adjournment –

***Motion** made by Jason Kirkpatrick to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Cynthia Johnson. No discussion. Motion carried.

Next meeting is March 4, 2025, 6:30pm, Hamlin Town Hall.

Submitted by Tina Shirshun