

Mason County Republican Committee Meeting for August 15,2015

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 by John Kreinbrink.

John Beckett led the invocation and Paul DeVries led the pledge of allegiance.

Members absent Rose DeLoof.

Members present: Lyla McClelland, Kim Cole, Rebecca Robinson, Paul McCrath, Phil DeVries, John Kreinbrink, John Beckett, Cathy Ingraham, Hank and Joyce Wykretowicz, Rod Merrill, Susan and Richard Boes, and Charlie Robinson.

Introduction of Guests: Peter Ochs new deputy chair for MI Republic Party and Henry Rasmussen former trustee in the area coming back after some years away and wanting to get back into involvement in the party. Peter Ochs spoke briefly about visiting local groups to see how he can help us as we work toward the 2016 campaign. Brief question and answer regarding the open vs. closed primary and other issue

Meeting Minutes were presented by Rebecca Robinson and were approved by committee members.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Paul McCrath. The balance sheet, transaction detail, and budget sheets were briefly discussed. There was a question about the Gold Coast Storage Unit and whether we really need a unit or not. It is very cheap rent. Consensus was that it was a very good price and we do need it. They don't bill us so there gets to be confusion about when to pay but Paul has it under control. The financials were approved

Old Business

Fair Booth Wrap-Up. Lyla reported that the Aug 11-18 fair booth contained 2 tables of various literature about our organization and County. A petition to abolish prevailing wage law was circulated and we also collected names of people interested in the Republican party. Other handouts included pencils and printed plastic bags. Chairman John Kreinbrink, Andrew Kmetz of the Treasurer's office and Lyla herself set up the booth on Sunday Aug 9. Volunteers manning the booth included County Commissioner Janet Anderson, Jim Bachelder, Rose and Dick DeLoof, Cathy Ingraham, Andrew Kmetz, John Kreinbrink, Lyla McClelland and Becky Robinson.

Lyla tore down the booth herself and returned the items to storage. Written report submitted for record by Lyla.

Friday Night Live Booth Wrap-Up. Lyla also submitted a written report for this event to be kept for the record. She reported we had volunteers manning the tables for all 4 events in July which included John K, Rose and Dick, Jim Bachelder, Hank and Joyce, Rod and Cathy with Ray Franz and Sheriff Cole also spending time in the booth for us. Our location was out of the way west as opposed to the Democrats who had a space in the middle of Ludington Ave. It is a first come first served location selection process. This was free to us and we believe in the power of our presence at these events so we will go again next year. We did get lots of signatures for the prevailing wage petition there.

Next Highway Clean-Up: Sept 27 through Oct 3. Pastor Greg will arrange with the youth group from CBC-still has the paperwork and the training safety video. Will contact him prior to the next meeting.

1st District Round -Up Aug 28th. John K will go to this. Goals are to raise money for candidates. Ray Franz is vacating after one more year and Benishek is running again. There is a fundraiser coming up in Manistee for Benishek. Ray Franz pig roast is Aug 30th in Onekema City Park. Aug 27th 3-6 Lincoln Day Picnic with Calley speaking at Dr. Oaks in Hart.

New Business:

Annual Fall Picnic Discussion of using Memorial Tree Park indoor area. Can hold 60-70 people. Hank W made the motion to investigate and book if available. Cathy seconded. Lyla will get reservation booked there if possible or at Suttons Landing with the understanding we may have to pay for the Pere Marquette Hall if the weather is not good. Sept 13th 1-3 is desired time and date. Lyla will arrange catering with North Country Cafe. 31st Biennial Mackinac Leadership Conference Sept 18-20... John K unable to go. Susan Boes expressed interest. Many of the presidential candidates will be there. \$125 per person.

Cathy Ingraham announced she is protesting Benghazi from 9-noon and 2:30-5:30 at the US10/31 intersection ramp by the Baymont Hotel. She welcomes anyone to join her.

The next meeting is Sept 15th at 6:30 as usual at the Book Mark.