

Mason County Republican Meeting Minutes for October 20,2015

Meeting called to order by John Kreinbrink.

Members absent: Joyce Wykretowicz (excused), Susan Boes.Phil Devries (excused)

Present: John Kreinbrink, Rebecca and Charlie Robinson, John Beckett, Hank Wykretowicz, Andrew Kmetz, Rod Merrill, Lyla McClelland, Kim Cole, Cheryl Kelly, Jim Bachelder, Paul McCrath, Peter Ochs, Cathy Ingraham, Rose DeLoof,Brad Chandonnet.

Introduction of Guests: Brad brought his son Daniel.

Invocation and Pledge was led by Brad Chandonnet.

Minutes presented by Rebecca Robinson as recorded and submitted by Rose DeLoof from Sept meeting.

Motion made by Rod M to approve minutes, seconded by Jim B and was passed.

Treasurer Paul McCrath presented financials. Mertz submission made with no errors. Chair expense and phone bills come out close to what was budgeted. As always the balance sheet, budget vs actual, and transaction detail reports were provided. Jim B motioned to accept and Hank W supported. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Highway Clean-up: Susan Boes arranged for the boy scouts to help and it went very well and quickly. Nice picture in the Daily News. Hank requested that the video be returned from Calvary Baptist church so we will have it for next time. Becky R will get that for next meeting.

2nd District Meeting September 24th: Cathy Ingraham attended the meeting at the Golden Corral. Peter Ochs also attended. Reported the GR fundraiser barbecue went well, Jose Morales appointed ethnic outreach vice chair, several spring fundraising activities are planned.

31st Biennial Mackinac Leadership Conference September 18-20,2015. Susan Boes attended. Peter Ochs reported on this since Susan not here. Huge turnout of entire state Senate, House and the Governor Snyder. Many presidential candidates. The event included a reception for #1 volunteers in each county and our own Lyla McClelland was given an award. Peter Ochs brought it and presented it since she was not at the event.

New Business:

Dues Solicitation Committee appointed by John K. Lyla M, Rod, Cathy I to work on this and present ideas at our next meeting. Peter Ochs suggested a letter be sent to republicans who run and win office and then don't participate or pay dues as they should. He said they did that in Oceana county with success. Those in office should pay dues. It is not practical to do large mailings and this being a campaign year the extra funds are needed to support the headquarters.

Sheriff Cole requested to add to the agenda a report on the House Bill 4138 presumptive parole of prisoners including violent ones. This bill was sponsored by a republican to save money but the result will be that these violent offenders will be re-arrested because the system is not set up to handle and the failure rate is high. The Sheriffs Association submitted a letter to Majority Leader Meekhof to exempt violent crimes from eligibility. Sheriff Cole will write a letter against this and publish it locally so that our citizens become aware. Although this died in caucus it will be brought up again and we need to pay attention. He also discussed the plan to bring about the legalization of marijuana and he plans to write a letter about that as well to let people know we have a voice in whether this comes to our county. He discussed the Adopt a Door program which is a program to provide locks on school doors which are called "Boots" that are designed so a teacher or a child can slide it down into place but will withstand 16,000 pounds of pressure from an intruder. There were pamphlets distributed so that our members can pass the word on. We agreed that any member who adopts a door by the next meeting will have a group picture taken and submitted to the paper. The door locks can be adopted by

sending \$230 per lock to the Friends of the Mason County Sheriff. See hand out for details. Many in our community have already purchased doors for the schools but much more can be done.

Other discussion included Democratic activity like Scripps running and Berney Sanders coming to Michigan soon.

Curt Vanderwall is considering a run. He is a lawn care man. Someone suggested getting him to speak at a meeting soon.

Franz pig roast was attended by Rod and Hank and they said it was a great success with many in attendance and excellent food.

Next meeting is November 17 at 6:30 at the Ludington Book Mark