

May 15,2018 Minutes for the Mason County Republican Executive Committee Meeting

Chairwoman Carolyn Cater called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the conference room at the Ludington Area Chamber of Commerce.

Co-Chairman John Beckett led the Invocation and our Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Sheriff Kim Cole, County Clerk Cheryl Kelly, Jim Bachelder, Chairwoman Carolyn Cater, Co-Chairman John Beckett, Treasurer John Kreinbrink, Secretary Rebecca Robinson, Rosemarie DeLoof, Cathy Ingraham, Carole Johnson, D.Wayne Kelly, Nancy Mauer, Lyla McClelland, Rod Merrill, Tim Muldoon, Hank and Joyce Wykretowicz. Guests: Kris Struve, Erin Cater, Diane and Alyssa VanderWall, Rylee Cregg (bus trip student), Sandy Papes (teacher Ludington HS), Heather Vandervest, John Wells (state party), Brian Patrick (Boomer w/Huizenga office), Jack O'Malley candidate for the 101st District, he also brought Sandy Call (Campaign Manager) and Hannah Bergere(assistant).

Introduction of New Guests: Rylee Cregg is here to report on her bus trip experience from LHS and Sandy Papes is one of her teachers. Jack O'Malley and his assistants Sandy and Hannah are here as featured speaker for the night. The other guests have been with us in prior meetings.

Rylee Cregg took the floor to speak about her bus trip experience. She did an excellent report and described the building and the tour, the legislative session she was able to watch and the hospitality of those working in the Capitol. She took very seriously the privilege of being able to watch legislators on the job but remarked that some of them appeared not to be paying attention to what was taking place which she was surprised about. But she said she was grateful for the opportunity and enjoyed the trip.

Public Comments: Boomer provided a brief update about the work of Congressman Huizenga in Washington and Michigan.

Minutes from the April 17 meeting were emailed by Secretary Rebecca Robinson earlier in the month for comments and corrections and posted on our Facebook page by Rod Merrill. There was one correction made regarding Lyla who had made the calls to invite candidates to speak at our LDD and Carolyn's Cater was mistakenly written as having done that. No other discussion. D.Wayne Kelly made the motion to accept the minutes and Jim Bachelder supported. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer John Kreinbrink had emailed to members copies of the Expense Detail, Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual and the Balance Sheet ahead of the meeting. There was a question about which bank account contributions are deposited in for the bus trip and whether those surplus monies are to be saved for next years bus trip. The \$659.52 surplus earmarked for the bus trip will be saved in the Administrative account and used only the the 2019 bus trip. We have in both accounts a total of \$9045.93 D.Wayne Kelly made the motion to approve the Treasurer Report with Jim Bachelder supporting. The report was approved.

SubCommittee Reports:

Hi-way Clean-up report given by Hank Wykretowicz. We missed the spring clean-up dates so will plan to complete the summer one starting July 14th week. We have time during the next meeting to gather volunteers. The fall cleanup starts the week of September 22.

Rosemarie DeLoof reported that Sheriff Cole will be our June speaker, Vicki Collins for Senior Center for our July speaker due to millages being requested. They will speak on those requests. She has calls in to Oakview Medical Care Facility as well but has not heard back.

Rod Merrill is our Media Master brought up the issue of posting on Facebook and the rules we should follow. He had to contact officers to request permission to remove 2 offensive posts on our page. Officers agreed to remove due to the negative nature of the posts. We are a positive group and do not want hurtful negative posts shared even in our private page. Those can be copied and shared outside our group and leads to gossip and misunderstanding. We prohibit members from making negative hurtful posts and if done they will be removed.

OLD BUSINESS

The final Lincoln Day Dinner report was read by Lyla McClelland. We had 91 attendees and the total profit was \$1459.60. The game of skill profit was \$115.78, dinner profit was \$543.85, and the 32 sponsor ads brought in \$800. Speakers included candidates for Governor Patrick Colbeck, 101st District Jack O'Malley, 35th District Bruce Rendon, Ray Franz, and Curt VanderWall. Very successful event.

The April 26th Bus Trip final report was also read by Lyla McClelland. All county High Schools including the Charter G2S and Homeschoolers were invited. Due to last minute conflicts our numbers were down to around 40. Scottville Mason County Central elected not to come at all and the homeschool and charter students couldn't attend because of no chaperones. Ludington High and Mason County Eastern attended. Chairwoman Carolyn Cater also attended. We collected \$2375.00 total through sponsorships of \$25 for each student and had a surplus for next year. Our expenses for this bus trip were \$1715.48.

The By-Laws Revision vote did not happen because there were disagreements about some items needing to clarify or change. In order to pass the Revision we need to use the existing By-Laws having to have 60% support of members present or not. We need to arrange a special voting meeting for this separate from the regular monthly meeting where we can get enough members to attend and have time for discussion. Hank Wykretowicz made the motion to table the vote until a special by-laws revision meeting can take place. Cathy Ingraham supported and that motion passed. The vote was tabled.

The Parade Float committee and candy purchase was discussed. Carolyn Cater, Cathy Ingraham, Carole Johnson want to participate in decorating the trailer. Hank Wykretowicz will provide the truck to pull the Robinson trailer. John Kreinbrink still has some of the decorations from last year that can be reused. Cathy Ingraham offered to use her Sam's Club card to purchase bulk candy and Hank and Joyce reported that there is a good candy store in Pentwater they are willing to make the purchase. John Kreinbrink made the motion to cap the candy spending to \$300 with Joyce W supporting. We all agreed. We will revisit this at our June meeting.

We need to make a decision on the Canopy banner soon. Colleen Barber has excellent work and prices. We will need this by the Friday Night Live events.

Cathy Ingraham brought up the need to order t-shirts if we are to have them by the parade July 4th. She needs a minimum of 12 shirts and the best price is Bellas Graphics. Please contact her soon to order yours. We may need to order extra just to get the order in.

Rosemarie DeLoof made the motion to suspend the meeting here and report on New Business next month due to the lateness of the hour and we still have 2 special speakers to hear. Jim Bachelder supported that motion and we agreed to suspend the meeting. Rosemarie also commented that there was an announcement not yet given by Carolyn Cater regarding her resignation. Carolyn agreed that she has resigned and will submit that in writing to the Committee by June 1st.

Jim Bachelder made the motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from D.Wayne Kelly and the meeting adjourned.

Carolyn Cater candidate for 101st District spoke first. Jack O'Malley also running for the 101st spoke after. Both had some good things to share and agreed to attend the upcoming Debates and Meet-N-Greet coming up in June.

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