

May 16,2017 Minutes Mason County Republican Executive Committee Meeting

OPENING: Chair Carolyn Cater asked Jim Bachelder to lead the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Carolyn Cater, Becky Robinson, Cathy Ingraham, Matt Mauer, John Beckett, Erin Cater, Jim Bachelder, Tim Muldoon, John kreinbrink, Chris Struve, Lyla McClelland, Kim Cole, Rod Merrill and guest Wayne Schoonover. Absent with excuse: Cheryl Kelly, Rose DeLoof, Hank and Joyce Wykretowicz, Susan Boes, and Nancy Vandervest.

MINUTES; Rebecca Robinson had emailed and Rod Merrill had posted minutes prior to the meeting which were also put up by John Kreinbrink on the screen for viewing at this meeting. There were no comments or discussion with Rod Merrill moving to accept the minutes and Jim Bachelder supporting that motion. Minutes were approved as submitted.

TREASURER REPORT; John Kreinbrink submitted the financial to committee members via email prior to our meeting and through power point presented each document on the screen for discussion. It was noted that we have over \$6000 in the bank account even after Lincoln Dinner expenses. Some accounts will be updated later such as the Gifts in Kind. Lyla will provide some expenses and income reporting under her Lincoln Dinner report. John Beckett moved to accept the report as given and Jim Bachelder supported. Report was approved.

Introduction of Guests: Wayne Schoonover from Mason County Road Commission is here today to be our featured speaker at the end of this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS;

Lincoln Day Dinner Recap was given by Lyla McClelland. She was unable to type up a formal report for submission due to computer issues but will provide a verbal report of income and expenses. There were 27 sponsor ads sold, 84 dinners ordered and 82 paid for at \$32.19 per dinner. We had 13 no-shows which led to only 74 people attending. The silent auction was an income of \$679.50. The newspaper ad was run in the Daily News and Rod Merrill posted on facebook multiple times. There was a profit of \$1300. Cathy Ingraham suggested that we change the process for sponsor ad sales to include credit card processing since there were ads that could have been sold but the business had no personal checking. We are not allowed to use cash payments. Rod Merrill looked this up and reported that the expense of accepting cards outweighs the small loss of not accepting cash. This year we lost only a couple sponsors but gained about 6 new ones who did have personal checking accounts. We still need to thank and provide a program with copies of the ads to those sponsors who were unable to come to the meeting. Becky Robinson was given a list by Lyla and will mail out to those people a copy and thank you.

Committee Report was provided by Rod Merrill for Media Master. He has been working to publish the sponsor ads on facebook pages daily for the public page and the private page and also to put information on our website. He mentioned that people are not viewing the website and we need to drive some attention there. Although Rose DeLoof was not here she had told Carolyn to remind us that the speaker for next month is Joe Folland from Oathkeepers regarding our Constitution. There is no speaker for July and suggestions are welcome. Carolyne suggested KrisAnne Hall who speaks on the Constitution and has videos available for viewing.

Issues and Priorities Committee is not meeting since there is no candidates running at this time but we do have a priority event coming up in which there are volunteers needed. The Freedom Festival

Parade is coming soon and we need more volunteers to decorate a vehicle and a trailer if used, to walk or to ride and to pass out candy. We used Robinson truck and Chandonnet trailer last year and those are available again if we choose. We ran out of candy. We already have our space in the parade reserved.

NEW BUSINESS

The county committee of each political party needs to submit 3 nominees for the party's expiring seats on the Mason County Board of Canvassers by the September 1, 2017 deadline. The seats expire Nov 1. The County Board of Commissioners is required to fill the two vacancies on the Board by electing a Republican member and a Democratic member from the submitted names. We need to start the process to fill these seats. Lyla McClelland has served her term which will expire and she is willing to be one of the names submitted. John Beckett continues to serve and his term doesn't expire until 2019. So in the next couple meetings we need to have a couple more people willing to have their names submitted.

There are a number of community events announced that we could participate in including the Petunia Planting on May 20 9am-noon, Healthcare Symposium with speaker Senator Patrick Colbeck on May 18th at 6pm, Leelanau Lincoln Day Dinner with speaker Tom Leonard on May 20th, and Business After Hours on Wed May 24th at the Harbor View Marina at 5-7pm. Ask Carolyn for details if interested.

Our meeting adjourned and the next one will be June 20th at the same location and time.

Our Featured Speaker of this night is Wayne Schoonover the Manager and Director at the Mason County Road Commission. Wayne gave an excellent presentation on what the road commission is responsible for in detail and described various projects underway with explanations of how the funding works for these projects and in general at the state and local level for the Road Commission.

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