



Mission Statement: To support individual liberties and opportunities guaranteed in the United States Constitution by electing Republican candidates for office locally, statewide and nationally.

Mason County Republican Executive Committee.

January 14, 2021 MCREC Minutes

Chair Susan Boes called the meeting to order at 6:30pm in the St. John's Lutheran Church in Ludington. Our usual meeting place at the Chamber of Commerce is closed due to covid. She asked member John Beckett to lead us in the Invocation and then member Derek Wilson to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Sheriff Kim Cole, Prosecutor Lauren Kreinbrink, Commissioner Gary Castonia, Senator Curt VanderWall, Chair Susan Boes, Jim Bachelder, John Beckett, Jeff Crawford, D.Wayne Kelly, Treasurer John Kreinbrink, Lyla McClelland, Tim Muldoon, Cindy Muzzo, Charlie Robinson, Secretary Rebecca Robinson, Tina Shirshun, Heather Vandervest, Diane VanderWall, and Derek Wilson. Excused: Joan Killion and Vickie Sorenson. Guests: Henry Rasmussen, Fred Engel, Ken Muzzo, Suzanne Scholtens, Christina Hendricks, Dick Boes, Cathy Ingraham and Dee Bennett.

Election of Officers

Susan Boes will continue as Chair, Jim Bachelder is new Vice- Chair, John Kreinbrink will continue as Treasurer and Rebecca Robinson will continue as Secretary.

Minutes as presented by Secretary Rebecca Robinson were found to have errors. There was a name spelled wrong and under the New Business section where the county convention election of new members was written about the error was that any Mason County registered voter may be elected rather than only delegates elected in the August primary. Jim Bachelder made the motion to accept minutes as corrected with Derek Wilson supporting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report was presented by John Kreinbrink. We will need to complete an audit in the next couple months. An audit committee will be appointed next meeting. Jim Bachelder made the motion to accept the report as presented with Wayne Kelly supporting. The report was approved.

Additions to Agenda

Dee Bennet requested to discuss the upcoming RTL Memorial prayer service. Lyla McClelland will share her talking points regarding election integrity.

Communications

Susan Boes shared a press release to the Ludington Daily News that she recently submitted regarding the January 6 events in Washington D.C. She also shared information about the candidates for State Party Offices. That is the elections to take place at the Feb 6 State Convention.

Reports:

Senator Curt VanderWall was here to update us on status of covid vaccine issues and election reforms needed.

Via phone call Brian Patrick updated us on Congressman Huizenga's office activities. Via phone call Representative Jack O'Malley talked about the challenges of getting things done in Lansing with Governor Whitmer. His family experienced some protestors on his private property which was very disturbing. Guest Christina Hendricks commented on election issues as she is an election worker in Hamlin and worked over 24 hours to make this right. Very stressful election for her. She did also comment she saw the negative feedback for O'Malley on facebook which is disturbing. Sheriff Kim Cole has had a challenging year dealing with increased crime due to covid. He provided comparison of crime statistics in 2020 compared to the previous year. He has been contacted by citizens requesting that the emergency alerts go out to people on a different platform than Facebook due to recent censorship issues with social media. People are quitting Facebook. There is an ap for phones that would allow people to get that info directly on their phones. He is looking into getting support from the county to finance the ap. One interesting item he mentioned was that in the state of Illinois the police are leaving in large numbers because they will no longer be protected by the "qualified immunity" policy.

3 Minutes public comments.

Jeff Crawford remarked that his daughter voted for the first time and was convinced that her vote didn't count due to the level of voter fraud. She told him she didn't want to vote again.

Rebecca Robinson commented an opinion that neither the state or federal legislators did right by certifying this election with the extent of the fraud in Michigan. We need to hold our elected officials accountable to their promises to make reforms to the election process.

Tim Muldoon and Tina Shirshun wanted to comment on the election fraud but asked people to stay after the meeting adjourned to talk to VanderWall and others about it. He invited people to stay and share their feelings too.

Dee Bennett brought flyers for the upcoming Right to Life Memorial for Unborn which will take place Sunday the 24th of January at 2pm in the Calvary Baptist Church in Ludington. At 2:45 people are asked to meet at the Mason County Courthouse to take part in a march.

Lyla McClelland requested to share talking points about the election process and how to move forward from now to get much needed reform. She made a motion to invite VanderWall and O'Malley back to our next meeting to speak about what we can do as an organization to address the voter fraud. Jim Bachelder made the motion to approve with a second by Tim Muldoon. Motion approved. Sheriff Cole recommended that we give some questions to each of these gentlemen prior to the meeting so they can be prepared.

We will meet next for the County Convention on the 21st where we will choose people to participate in the State Convention to elect Party Candidates. Meeting is adjourned with the announcement that our next meeting is February 11th.

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