

Mason County Republican Executive Committee Minutes

August 18, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 pm, awaiting quorum to continue

Invocation – Jim Bachelder

Pledge – Dick Boes

Roll Call – Tina Shirshun. Present: Susan Boes, Lewis G. Squires, Jim Bachelder, Dick Boes, Sheila Genter, Cynthia Johnson, John Kreinbrink, Cindy Muzzo, Ed Schuitema, and Tina Shirshun.

Excused Absences: John Beckett, Wayne Kelly, Lyla McClelland, Tim Muldoon, Heather VanderVest, Diane VanderWall, Verna Chavalía, and Margaret Greiner.

Guests: Frank Vande Voorde, Connie Wade, Andrew Lasko, Edmund Zynda II, William Chye, Charlie Robinson, Nicole Norton, Ben Norton, and Marvin Brault Jr.

Approval of the August meeting minutes –

***Motion** made by Cindy Muzzo to approve minutes on meeting August 18, 2022. Jim Bachelder seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – John Kreinbrink displayed and reviewed expense details, budget, and balance sheet reports. Not included in reports are \$40 of donations from Headquarters that need to be deposited, which will show up next month. No questions on financial reports.

***Motion** made by Jim Bachelder to approve Treasurer's report. Susan Boes seconded. Motion carried.

Reports from State Elected Officials – none.

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Lewis Squires wanted to congratulate Gary Castonia on the primary win. He further commented that he is being challenged and Ron Bacon is being challenged by Democratic opponents in the November election.

Reports from Committee Members -

Unfinished Business:

- 1) Jim Bachelder gave a report for Lyla McClelland, the Candidate Forum at St. John's Church being a last-minute arrangement, went very well with close to 100 in attendance with guests and officials.
- 2) Jim also reported on County Fair advising that we had people there every day. Got rained out on Saturday so we packed up and got out around 3:30 pm

Sheila indicated she worked Saturday and had a question, in that our mission statement says that we are supposed to represent all candidates, local, state & federal, why were no Kristina Karamo signs there? If we have a Republican candidate that's been endorsed or has won a primary, we need to stand behind all of them. Kristina was endorsed in April at the state convention as was Matt DePerno but we didn't have any of his signs. We have Karamo signs and rack cards at Headquarters.

New Business:

1) Sheila reported on County Convention held August 11th, we had a great presence of precinct delegates and the audience was full. Very heartwarming to see a great representation of people wanting to get involved. In addition to At-Large Delegate Curt VanderWall, the following Convention Precinct Delegates will be attending: Dan Fulton, Tim Muldoon, Tina Shirshun, Rebecca Robinson, Charles Robinson, Verna Chavalialia, Carolyn Cater and Sheila Genter. The Convention Alternates that will be attending: Kirk Chavalialia, Loretta Anderson, William Chye, Wayne Gort, Robert Anderson, James Bachelder, Duane Hobart and Karen Foster.

2) John Kreinbrink reported on the last Adopt a Highway session coming up the week of September 24th - October 2nd. We usually pick Monday which would be September 26th with a rain date backup of September 27th. Both Northbound and Southbound lanes are open again.

***Motion** made by Susan Boes to do Highway Clean-up on September 26th at 6:00pm at PM township hall with a rain date of September 27th. Jim Bachelder seconded. Motion carried.

3) Jim Bachelder reported that October 1st this year is the Annual Walk for Alzheimer's being held at Waterfront Park. I have been going around to different businesses selling signs, they get their name on the signs and they are posted along the walkway on the walk. Signs are \$100 and they get the signs back and can do whatever they want with them. Suggested this to Sheila for the MCGOP and she thought it was a good idea and John confirmed we have the money to cover it, so now I am presenting it to the Executive Committee. We have to have it in 3 weeks prior to the walk.

***Motion** made by Susan Boes that we support the purchase of a sign for \$100 for the Alzheimer's Walk. Cindy Muzzo seconded. Motion carried.

4) Charlie Robinson reported Rebecca Robinson is the Mason County Team Captain for Kristina Karamo Secretary of State Organization. We need volunteers from every precinct to go door knocking. They have organized a list

of good addresses and many are Democrats that they think we should have a contact with. Becky wants to organize a gathering of this group soon after Labor Day to finalize a plan of action and she can also send you a link by email, kind of like a training video. Rebecca's contact info is beckyblackmer@hotmail.com or 231-233-7397.

- 5) Sheila also discussed wanting to have speakers from various Community Resource Agencies to come in and talk at our meetings every other month or quarterly to update us on what's going on in our community and what services their agency provides. Examples of presentations would be food programs, public school safety, veteran's assistance, DNR, etc. Ed Bear Schuitema commented that as of this morning, Representative Michele Hoyenga introduced a bill to dismiss the misdemeanor for failing to report deer harvesting info to the DNR. Susan Boes also suggested Liz Remnick with Emergency Management Services. She indicated that Liz puts together a really outstanding program.

***Motion** made by Cynthia Johnson for Community Resource Agencies to attend on a periodic basis based on availability, to update us on community needs, awareness & information. Jim Bachelder seconded. Motion carried.

- 6) Sheila reported that she talked to Lyla about the Annual Picnic scheduled for September 18th. Sheila advised that she created a flyer detailing the picnic that she will be emailing to candidates who won the primary as well as endorsed state convention candidates. Lyla reported that she has 3 different caterers to contact. Susan advised Gloria Ann's is a very good catering service. Sheila advised she would get this info back to Lyla. Sheila is also looking for volunteers to help with picnic.

Announcements

The Annual Fall Picnic, sponsored by the Mason County Republican Executive Committee has been scheduled for Sunday, September 18, 2022, at 1:00pm at Suttons Landing Park, 5610 W. Iris Rd, Ludington. Catered picnic food and beverage will be provided. Open to the public.

Public Comments

Tom Johnson, Cynthia's other half, introduced himself. Bill Chye introduced himself and commented on Sheriff Cole giving a very good presentation about school safety/security. Edmund Zynda, Bill's neighbor, introduced himself. Marvin Brault Jr introduced himself. Charlie Robinson introduced himself. Nicole Norton introduced herself. Ben Norton introduced himself. Frank Vande Voorde introduced himself. Andrew Lasko from Senator Bumstead's office introduced himself and gave an update

on Senator Bumstead's campaign. Connie Wade introduced herself and spoke of previous accomplishments.

Adjournment

***Motion** made by Jim Bachelder to adjourn meeting. Cynthia Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2022, 6:30 pm at the Lakeshore Resource Network Building, 920 E. Tinkham Ave, Ludington.