

Mason County Republican Executive Committee Meeting
December 8, 2022

Per MCL 168.599(3) and Article XIII, B of the MRS Committee By-Laws, before calling the regular meeting to order, the newly elected executive committee must select a Temporary Chair and a Temporary Secretary to conduct the regularly scheduled meeting until the new Chair has been elected.

Motion - Verna Chavalía motioned to nominate and elect Sheila Genter as Temporary Chair. Bill Chye seconded. Sheila accepted. No other nominations, no other nominations, no other nominations, nominations closed. All in favor of Sheila being nominated and elected as temporary chair, say Aye, any opposed 0. Motion carried.

-The meeting was called to order by Temporary Chair Sheila Genter at 6:35 pm.

Invocation – Pastor Brian Ford

Pledge – Jim Bachelder

The Temporary Chair entertained motions to nominate and elect Temporary Secretary.

***Motion** – Cynthia Johnson motioned to nominate and elect Tina Shirshun as Temporary Secretary. Susan Boes seconded. Tina accepted. No other nominations, no other nominations, no other nominations, nominations closed. All in favor of Tina being nominated and elected as temporary secretary, say Aye, any opposed 0. Motion carried.

Roll Call – Tina Shirshun. Present: Senator Jon Bumstead, Senator/State Rep. 102nd Curt VanderWall, State Rep. 101st Joe Fox, Sheriff Kim Cole, County Clerk Cheryl Kelly, Co. Commissioner Ron Bacon, Susan Boes, Kirk Chavalía, Verna Chavalía, Bill Chye, Pastor Brian Ford, Sheila Genter, Margaret Greiner, Cynthia Johnson, Eric Juers, Ben Norton, Nicole Norton, Tina Shirshun.

Excused Absences for Elected Members: Duane Hobart, Cindy Muzzo, Charles Robinson, and Rebecca Robinson.

Guests: Edmund Zynda, Tim Muldoon, Frank VandeVoorde, Wayne Kelly, Barbara Fox, Gary Anderson, Pamela Anderson, Carmen Stehouwer, Carole Johnson, Diane VanderWall, Lyla McClelland, Bryan Broderick, Andrew Sebolt, Tom Johnson, Jim Bachelder, Dick Boes, Daniel Jensen, and Carolyn Cater.

Approval of November Meeting Minutes –

***Motion** made by Bill Chye to approve the meeting minutes of November 10, 2022. Cynthia Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – Financials presented by John Kreinbrink. John reported a deposit was received from Headquarters and Balance Sheet is overall in good shape. Reviewed Expenses and displayed the Michigan Filing Status report. No questions on report. Sheila thanked John for all the years of service on the Mason County Executive Committee. His knowledge and experience is to be commended.

***Motion** made by Verna Chavalia to approve Treasurer’s Report. Pastor Brian Ford seconded. Motion carried.

State Elected Officials -

-Senator/State Rep 102nd Curt VanderWall reported yesterday was the last official day on the floor and it was a long one but a good one. He thanked everyone for all their hard work during the campaign and reminded everyone to come to one of his coffee hours which will be starting in January. Curt reported that several bills were passed by both the house and the senate regarding election integrity, however, the Governor vetoed every one of them.

-Senator Jon Bumstead also wanted to thank everyone and went on to report a lot of positive things have happened and what needs to be done to keep going in a good direction. He also commented that we need to get Republican groups on college campuses just like the democrats did, which resulted in democratic wins in those counties. Also advised everyone to contact his office to sign up for the monthly newsletter.

Discussion continued with questions and comments from many on the committee on different issues such as election fraud, MSU wanting to keep Republican contractors from working on campus unless they are given another 750k, Brunson brothers’ lawsuit, Proposals 1,2,3 and the City of Ludington Marijuana proposal.

-State Rep 101st Joe Fox reported that Mason County has been very supportive and kept up with contacting him for more cards and signs. He brought some people from Newaygo County to the meeting and would love to see county groups coming together for some training, some sharing, and some strategizing. Shared some experiences he had with attending conferences and sitting with democrats.

He also answered a request for comment on the Brunson brothers' lawsuit. He commented that the Brunson brothers' have become famous for putting together lawsuits and have put together a lawsuit against those who too quickly certified the votes on January 6. Congress was supposed to allow 10 days for investigating fraudulent election claims but bypassed it, and now the brothers are officially suing 388 Congressman, the President, Vice-President, and Pence. It's been turned over to the Supreme Court and they will make a decision on January 6th whether or not they will hear the case.

County Elected Officials –

-Sheriff Kim Cole shared an experience he had with a Congresswoman in Lansing regarding identification for immigrants. Sheriff Cole informed that law enforcement had fingerprint scan machines and could easily provide ID by scanning their fingerprints. Congresswoman was not accepting of the Sheriff's suggestion.

Reports from Committee

Unfinished Business:

A) Sheila reported on County Convention held Monday, November 21, 2022, at 6:00 pm. Cheryl Kelly and Cindy Muzzo registered and verified At-Large and Precinct Delegates. Sheriff Kim Cole was appointed the Parliamentarian. Initially, there were 28 out of 40 Precinct Delegates registered at our convention, four individuals were elevated at the convention to fill vacancies in the precincts where they reside and their credentials were verified. A supplemental credentials report was completed to now show a total of 32 out of 44 Precinct Delegates present and registered at the convention. Sheriff Kim Cole and Clerk Cheryl Kelly were the only 2 present out of 14 At-Large Delegates, making a total of 34 voting Delegates at the convention.

Paper ballot method was used to elect 16 executive committee members. Four Tellers (Charles Robinson, Paul McGrath, Pastor Brian Ford, and John Beckett) passed out, collected, and tallied the ballots. Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) are to be elected by the new Executive Committee within 30 days of the convention, which we are about to do next. Sheila thanked all who worked and were present at the convention and also thanked all the previous committee members in the audience for their service.

B) Selection of Officers for the new Executive Committee, Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer

***Motion** made by Verna Chavalía to nominate and elect Sheila Genter for Chair. Pastor Brian Ford seconded. Sheila accepted. No other nominations, no other nominations, no other nominations, nominations closed. All in favor of Sheila Genter being nominated and elected as chair of the Executive Committee, say Aye, any opposed-0. Motion carried.

***Motion** made by Cynthia Johnson to nominate and elect Ben Norton for Vice-Chair. Joe Fox seconded. Ben Norton accepted. No other nominations, no other nominations, no other nominations, nominations closed. All in favor of Ben Norton being nominated and elected as vice chair of the Executive Committee, say Aye, any opposed-0. Motion carried.

***Motion** made by Susan Boes to nominate and elect Tina Shirshun for Secretary. Bill Chye seconded. Tina accepted. No other nominations, no other nominations, no other nominations, nominations closed. All in favor of Tina Shirshun being nominated and elected as secretary of the Executive Committee, say Aye, any opposed-0. Motion carried.

***Motion** made by Tina Shirshun to nominate and elect Margaret Greiner for Treasurer. Cynthia Johnson seconded. Margaret Greiner accepted. No other nominations, no other nominations, no other nominations, nominations closed. All in favor of Margaret Greiner being nominated and elected as Treasurer of the Executive Committee, say Aye, any opposed-0. Motion carried.

Announcements

Sheila invites all to join the Christmas gathering after the meeting to enjoy some good snacks and conversation.

Public Comments

Lyla McClelland (precinct delegate Lud 3) commented on finishing out the year with reports on fall picnic and Headquarters, was advised reports on both were given; Thomas Johnson has some ideas on possibly driving the cost down on printing, banners, storage, etc.; Brian Broderick (Chair from Oceana County) says he's learning a lot; Andrew Sebolt (Oceana County Executive Committee member) congratulates everyone and says it's been fun working with everyone; Edmund Zynda congratulates everyone; Carole Johnson (precinct delegate Lud 2) congratulates the new officers; Carmen Stehouwer (precinct delegate from Branch); Carolyn Cater (precinct delegate from Hamlin) congratulates new committee and officers; Tim Muldoon (precinct delegate from Hamlin) congratulates everyone; Frank VandeVoorde (precinct delegate from Sheridan) congratulates everyone; Wayne Kelly (precinct delegate from Summit); Barbara

Fox (wife to State Rep. Joe Fox); Gary Anderson (Chair from Newaygo County) with wife Pamela Anderson; and Daniel Jensen (precinct delegate Lud 2) provided information on the Brunson brothers lawsuit.

***Motion** made by Pastor Brian Ford to adjourn meeting. Verna Chavalia seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting is January 12, 2023, 6:30 pm, Lakeshore Resource Network, 920 E. Tinkham Avenue, Ludington.

Executive committee minutes submitted by Tina Shirshun, Secretary