

**Mason County Republican Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**June 6, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

**Invocation** – Pastor Brian Ford

**Pledge** – Bill Chye

**Roll Call by** – Tina Shirshun. Present: County Clerk Cheryl Kelly, Ron Bacon, Kirk Chavalia, Verna Chavalia, Bill Chye, Pastor Brian Ford, Sheila Genter, Margaret Greiner, Eric Juers, Cindy Muzzo, Ben Norton, Nicole Norton, Charles Robinson, Rebecca Robinson, Tina Shirshun.

Excused Absences: Duane Hobart, Cynthia Johnson, Jason Kirkpatrick

Guests: Daniel Jensen, Karen Foster, Lyla McClelland, Carole Johnson, Aldon Maleckas, Randy Williams, Cathy Ingraham, Henry Rasmussen, Dick Boes.

**Approval of the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting minutes** –

**\*Motion** made by Verna Chavalia to approve the meeting minutes of May 2, 2023. Cindy Muzzo seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

**Guest Speaker** –

O’Nealya Gronstal, Executive Director of the Lakeshore Food Club, was the Guest Speaker and provided much information on the process of the Food Club. O’Nealya reviewed facts and figures on households, labor force, unemployment rate, etc, in Mason County. She talked about history of various food banks and pantries and how the Food Club is like a non-profit grocery store with a “Consumer Choice Experience”. It has convenient hours, is mission driven, income based, and members do pay a small membership fee. O’Nealya covered a lot more information on membership and food sources and advised anyone having any other questions can contact her at 317-417-5231 or visit website at [www.lakeshorefoodclub.org](http://www.lakeshorefoodclub.org).

**Treasurer Report** –

Margaret Greiner reported in the State account we have \$6,266.41 and in the Admin account we have a little over \$2,000.00 and once the last two scholarship checks are cashed, the Admin account will be around \$500.00.

**\*Motion** made by Bill Chye to approve the Treasurer report. Nicole Norton seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

Sheila reported the Post-Election MERTS Report was completed covering April 17<sup>th</sup> through May 22 with zero errors and on time.

**Reports from State Elected Officials** – None.

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-Cheryl Kelly had no report but answered questions on the 9 day early voting, advising it applies to State and Federal only. Rules and Regulations are not here yet.

-Ron Bacon reported the Robin Grant got pushed back to September.

## **Reports from Committee Members –**

### Unfinished Business:

- 1) Rebecca reported on Lincoln Day Dinner outcome. Total Income \$8,106.00 minus Expenses of \$4,692.99 giving a Net Profit of \$3,413.01. We had a 105 in attendance, Great Speakers, and Silent Auction items and then broke down the cost on each Income and Expense item.
- 2) Sheila reported the West Michigan Fair Booth application was submitted and the booth area has been secure for August 8 through August 12 in the same area that we had it last year.
- 3) Sheila reported our meeting location is month to month. Cindy has contacted Hamlin Township and Aldon has contacted two churches, The Reform Church and The Church of Christ, and will be scheduling to meet with them. Still looking for a permanent location and will keep everyone updated.

### New Business:

- 1) Sheila reported July's meeting falls on the 4<sup>th</sup> so we have to reschedule. Looking at bumping it back a week to the 11<sup>th</sup> so a motion is needed.  
**\*Motion** made by Bill Chye to move the July 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to July 11<sup>th</sup> for our next monthly meeting. Pastor Brian Ford seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.
- 2) Sheila reported July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade Entry fee total is \$28.52 and we need a motion for this along with a request for \$100 for decorations. Before proceeding with this we need to have volunteers to help with the float and that we have kids and adults to ride on the float.  
**\*Motion** made by Verna Chavalia to pay Jaycees \$28.52 for entry and to approve \$100 for decorations. Nicole Norton seconded. Some further discussion on candy and walkers. The Chair put motion to vote. Motion carried.
- 3) Sheila reported we are members of the Chamber and have received their renewal bill for \$200.00 for the year. A motion is needed.  
**\*Motion** made by Nicole Norton to approve the \$200.00 for renewal fee for the Chamber. Bill Chye seconded. Some further discussion on benefits of being a member of the Chamber. The Chair put motion to a vote. Motion carried.
- 4) Sheila talked about HB 4087 which was introduced on May 15, and read Section-4 in detail to executive committee to show what they added to this bill regarding the homeless and runaway youth. Everyone needs to contact your Senator and Representative regarding this.

## **Announcements –**

- Sheila announced Damon Jordan, (Representative for Congressman Moolenaar) will be holding constituent caseload hours on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm, at Ludington City Hall.
- Also the Love Ludington Street Party (which is part of the 150 Year Celebration) is on June 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:15pm – 10:45pm.
- Representative Joe Fox will be holding public meeting hours on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am to 11:30am at Bells Bay Cabins, 7424 E. US 10, Branch.
- Representative Curt VanderWall will be holding coffee hours for Mason County residents on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1:30pm at the Scottville Government Center.

**Public Comments –** Aldon Maleckas passed out information he gathered on different issues going on; Randy Williams commented on a Daily News article quoting Governor Whitmer and money allotment issues in Mason County; Dick Boes commented on the Gotion plant which brought updates from the executive committee; Cathy Ingraham commented on article found

on “Grand New Party” and the House Republican Committee hiring of Rick Snyder to be their fundraiser; Carole Johnson commented on contacting Bumstead and VanderWall regarding two bills; Lyla McClelland commented on benefits of the Chamber. Sheila thanked everyone for their patience on this meeting relocation at this time.

**Adjournment –**

**\*Motion** made by Kirk Chavalia to adjourn meeting. Nicole Norton seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Tina Shirshun.

Next meeting, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, at the Hamlin Township Hall, 3775 N. Jebavy Drive, Ludington.