

**Mason County Republican Executive Committee Meeting**  
**November 10, 2022**

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

**Invocation** – John Beckett

**Pledge** – Jim Bachelder

**Roll Call** – Tina Shirshun. Present: Prosecutor Lauren Kreinbrink, Sheriff Kim Cole, Clerk Cheryl Kelly, Susan Boes, Jim Bachelder, John Beckett, Dick Boes, Verna Chavalia, Sheila Genter, Margaret Greiner, Cynthia Johnson, John Kreinbrink, Lyla McClelland, Tim Muldoon, Cindy Muzzo, Ed Bear Schuitema, Tina Shirshun.

Excused Absences: None.

Guests: Kirk Chavalia, Nicole Norton, Ben Norton, Edmond Zynda, Bill Chye, Charlie Robinson, Becky Robinson, Shannon Stickney.

**Approval of October Meeting Minutes** –

\*Motion made by Jim Bachelder to approve the meeting minutes of October 20, 2022. Cynthia Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Financials presented by John Kreinbrink. John went over details on expenses, profit & loss, and balance sheet. No questions on report.

\*Motion made by Jim Bachelder to approve Treasurer’s report. Seconded by Cindy Muzzo. Motion carried.

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

**Reports from County Elected Officials** –

-Prosecutor Lauren Kreinbrink reported being very busy at the Prosecutor’s office, still dealing with the covid backlog cases, but we are working through it. Also getting a lot of convictions on strong cases. We are dealing with some office turnover with some new staff hired. Also, Mason County has a partnership with the Lakeshore Children’s Advocacy Center in Manistee and we obtained for free a model of our Mason County Courtroom that will be used to help familiarize witnesses, especially for children of abuse, neglect, or any victims of crime, that can be used to reduce fear and anxiety prior to coming into court to testify.

-Sheriff Kim Cole reported on the border security conference he attended in September. Talked about fentanyl poisoning and the southern border. He met with Congressman John Moolenaar and had good conversation. He also met at the Washington Monument with a group called the "Voices of Fentanyl" (19,000 strong) which is moms and dads that have lost kids to fentanyl poisoning. 77,000 people have died last year to fentanyl poisoning. Biden administration was invited to be part of the rally but replied with a Covid cover letter.

In October Kim was part of a "States Presidents and Executive Directors Conference" in Palm Springs, California and former Florida AG Pam Bondi joined them for dinner and had great conversation.

He was asked by the Lakeshore Children's Advocacy Center to be on their Board of Directors as they are trying to get more involved in Mason County.

Lastly, the county board unanimously approved a school resource officer that we are going to be putting in the schools.

-Cheryl Kelly reported Mason County did well in the voting. Also shared we have 2 canvas members here that should be finishing signing off on the Poll Books on Monday. The canvassers found a tie for a school board position and there has to be a drawing when both candidates were able to come to the Courthouse which caused the delay to Monday in finishing signing off.

### **Reports from Committee Members**

-Verna thanked everyone who helped out at Headquarters.

-Dick Boes shared how proud he felt with all the red in Mason County adding that it reflects on this group.

### Unfinished Business:

-Sheila reported Headquarters is now officially closed. Everything was moved out and cleaned. Sheila left a stamped pre-addressed envelope for the landlord so the deposit should be coming in the mail.

### New Business:

-Sheila thanked all volunteers, door knockers, and precinct delegates for their hard work and dedication which was shown in the results of our county. We have to regroup in 2023 and work on fundraisers and memberships to get money back in our account because we have to fight like there is no tomorrow in 2024. Sheila brought attention to counties with universities that have turned blue which led to discussion on indoctrinating issues happening on campuses.

-Sheila informed members that Senator Bumstead contacted her and he wanted her to thank all the volunteers on his behalf that helped in getting the Republican candidates in our area elected into office.

-Sheila discussed having a pre-Christmas gathering after the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting with some snacks, goodies, and beverages. Members will be contacted to sign up for bringing something.

### **Announcements**

-Sheila reminded everyone who received a Call to Convention Notice, to mark their calendar and to not forget, it is Monday, November 21st at 6:00 pm here at the Lakeshore Resource Center.

-Lyla shared this November 14<sup>th</sup> is the next City Council Meeting. The planning committee has put together an ordinance (marihuana) to present to Council Members. There may be a lot of people in attendance for public comments.

### **Public Comments**

Charlie Robinson-precinct delegate Branch Twp, shared that he and Becky worked hard for the election and it showed in Mason Co., Rebecca Robinson-precinct delegate Branch Twp., Kirk Chavalia-precinct delegate Ludington, Pct 1, Ben Norton-precinct delegate Sherman Twp, shared thoughts on prayer and faith in God for the school boards, Nicole Norton-precinct delegate Sherman Twp., Bill Chye-precinct delegate Sheridan Twp, shared thoughts on corruption in both parties, Edmond Zynda-concerned citizen and Bill's neighbor, and Shannon Stickney who came to hear.

\***Motion** made by Jim Bachelder to adjourn meeting. John Beckett seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting is December 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, Lakeshore Resource Network, 920 E. Tinkham Avenue, Ludington.

Executive committee minutes submitted by Tina Shirshun.