

Mason County Republican Executive Committee Minutes
October 20, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 630pm.

Invocation – John Beckett

Pledge – Jim Bachelder

Roll Call – Tina Shirshun. Present: Susan Boes, Jim Bachelder, John Beckett, Dick Boes, Verna Chavalía, Sheila Genter, Margaret Greiner, Cynthia Johnson, John Kreinbrink, Tim Muldoon, Cindy Muzzo, Ed Bear Schuitema, Tina Shirshun.

Excused Absences: Lyla McClelland, Diane VanderWall.

Guests: Connie Wade, Mary Halas, Cheryl Lundberg, Keila Lankton, Kirk Chavalía, Eric Juers, Marsha Miney, Nicole Norton, Ben Norton, Becky Robinson, Charles Robinson.

Approval of the September Meeting Minutes -

***Motion** made by Jim Bachelder to approve the meeting minutes of September 8, 2022. Cindy Muzzo seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – Financials presented by John Kreinbrink. Details were reported on the Expense Detail, Budget, and Balance sheets. Sheila added that we should get our \$500 deposit back from renting the Headquarters after we vacate following the election.

***Motion** by Jim Bachelder to approve Treasurer’s report. Seconded by Verna Chavalía. Motion carried.

Reports from State Elected Officials – none.

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Reports from Committee Members

- Cynthia Johnson reported on and read a letter received in the mail from Dr. Valerie Conrad from Norton Shores, Michigan. According to the web, Dr. Conrad is a Family Medicine/OBGYN physician in Muskegon affiliated with Mercy Health. My complaint to Mercy Health Patient Relations includes: Dr. Conrad abused her medical authority in a respected profession, with unprofessional and unethical conduct by listing pro-life politicians in the letter and addressing the politicians as “extremists and dangerous to Michigan.”

- Cynthia also reported she went to the election inspector training with Cheryl Kelly, jam-packed 2 ½ hours of information, and already given my assignment for Election Day.

- Cynthia also shared comments from a personal friend on a large number of political signs for one candidate, Curt VanderWall in comparison to others. Her friend shared that a family member observed a city vehicle parked on the road and they were putting up a VanderWall sign, so we need to inform Curt and Diane of what was alleged to have been observed.

Unfinished Business:

- Verna reported she got 2 new members signed up with the Mason County Republicans

- John reported Adopt A Highway was canceled due to rain.

- Sheila encourages people to door-knock in teams of two. Cindy Muzzo shared she went door knocking and it was a very positive experience. Becky shared her experience of one negative experience. Voter Guides are a big hit with voters. Becky also questioned if MCGOP has sent any money to candidates, which led to a discussion on steps to do that.

- Sheila reported County Convention call notices were mailed out today. The County Convention is scheduled for Monday, November 21, 2022 at 6:00pm at the Lakeshore Resource Center. Purpose is to elect new executive committee members.

- Cynthia gave final report on Annual Picnic. Gloria Ann's bill totaled \$878.00. Donations received \$283.86 and one membership \$25.00. \$200.00 was the loss due to RSVP no-shows. The total number that attended was 60 which included 8 from the public and 52 from the 76 that RSVP'd. Speakers included Senator Bumstead, Senator VanderWall, Joe Fox-candidate for 101st State Rep., Lewis Squires-District 4 County Commissioner, Rebecca Robinson-Precinct Delegate and Mason County Captain for Kristina Karamo, and Dee Bennett-Director of Right to Life. Great conversation and a successful event. Big thanks to all volunteers (Verna & Kirk Chavalía, Wayne Gort, Jim Bachelder, Margaret Greiner, Cynthia Johnson, Ben & Nicole Norton, Rebecca Robinson, and Sheila Genter) that helped out in some way! Report submitted to Secretary.

New Business:

***Motion** made by Cindy Muzzo to amend the Agenda to add "donations to candidates" to new business. Cynthia Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

John reviewed reasonable amount would be around \$1000 to contribute to candidates.

***Motion** made by Tim Muldoon to donate \$100 to all candidates, Matt DePerno, Tudor Dixon, Kristina Karamo, VanderWall, Bumstead, and Fox. Ed Schuitema seconded. Motion **not** carried.

***Motion** made by Cindy Muzzo to contribute to the top three candidates, \$500 to Tudor Dixon, \$250 to Matt DePerno, and \$250 to Kristina Karamo. Cynthia Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

- John Kreinbrink advised copy of Quickbooks we use is from 2015, has hiccups in it and shuts down every once in awhile, may need to update pretty soon. Different options were discussed.

Announcements

Sheila reported there is a Candidate forum happening at WSCC starting at 7:00pm.

Public Comments

Connie Wade, delegate-Sherman Twp.; Mary Alas from Ludington reviewed important points on voting absentee ballot-don't go straight ticket; Cheryl Lundberg from Amber Twp.-tired of dirty politics; Keila Lankton from Ludington; Kirk Chavalía a precinct delegate; Eric Juers precinct delegate talked about some info he put together and brought to the meeting, also talked about a guy in Michigan receiving an absentee ballot for his dog who has been dead for 10 years and how important it is to get out and vote; Marsha Miney, precinct delegate from PM Twp. #2 shared info on Line-5; Nicole Norton a precinct delegate from Sherman Twp.; Ben Norton a precinct delegate from Sherman Twp., also running as a write-in candidate for MCE School board.

After guests introduced themselves open discussion led to good conversation on parent advocate groups, election concerns, and possible issues with TCF Center.

***Motion** made by Jim Bachelder to adjourn meeting. Verna Chavalía seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2022, 6:30pm, at the Ludington Resource Network Building, 920 E. Tinkham Ave., Ludington.

Prepared by: Tina Shirshun, Secretary