

Minutes for September 19,2017 Mason County Republican Executive Committee Meeting

Vice-Chairman John Beckett opened the meeting at 6pm led Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance and our group enjoyed a potluck in the All Seasons Resort Pavilion until the business part of our meeting started around 6:30.

Members and Guests present: Rebecca and Charlie Robinson, Rose DeLoof, Matt and Nancy Mauer, Diane VanderWall, Kris and Roland Struve, Cathy Ingraham, Jim Bachelder, Tim Muldoon, Lyla McClelland, Cheryl and Wayne Kelly, Rod Merrill, Carole Johnson, John Kreinbrink and Torfe Gedraitis. Absent with excuse is Carolyn Cater, Hank and Joyce Wykretowicz.

Minutes: Rebecca Robinson provided minutes for review for Rod Merrill to post on facebook and also after corrections emailed the final copy to members and others for preview. Paper copies were available at this meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Jim B and supported by Rose D. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report was submitted by John Kreinbrink. He had emailed financials to members prior to our meeting and supplied paper copies to view while he went over them. We received \$200 from Republican state party for work completed by members toward getting more active which was deposited in the Administrative Account.

John mentioned the only item missing from the detail of expenses is the phone bill for Aug and Sept. in the amount of \$50.50 There was too much phone activity to qualify for the reduced rate but John will try again next month. D.Wayne Kelly motioned to accept the report and Jim B supported. The Report was approved.

Open Issues:

Picnic Recap from Lyla McClelland. She submitted a formal written report. We paid caterers for 60 dinners but only had 46 attending despite several advertising runs.101rst District Representative Curt VanderWall spoke along with potential candidates Dr. Jim Hines for Governor, Ray Franz and Bruce Rendon for Senator, and U.S. Senate candidate Lena Epstein sent 2 representatives to circulate her petitions. The elected officials attending were Clerk Cheryl Kelly and Township Supervisor D.Wayne Kelly and Commissioner Janet Anderson. Financials for this event are included on the Treasurer's Financial Documents. In Lyla's opinion the poor attendance at this event should be addressed in committee. She made a suggestion that we each come up with a name of a possible member and submit the demographic information to Carolyn so that when letters are mailed out in January those people can receive a letter.

Media Master report from Rod Merrill. We all agree and appreciate the excellent work he has done on the website and our facebook pages. He is always looking for new material and is keeping the website updated to appeal to visitors. He has published events in our area with details way in advance so that we can make plans to attend.

Mission Statement Committee Report has not completed this work yet but expects to have a statement ready by the October meeting. Rose D, John K, Hank W, Lyla M and Tim M are working on this committee.

New Business:

Highway Cleanup is usually coordinated by Hank but since he is not here tonight and will not be in the area when we do this cleanup John Kreinbrink will be responsible to bring the vests and bags to our usual starting point. We have at least 10 volunteers to meet on the 26th of September at the Pere

Marquette Township Hall parking lot at 6pm. We will divide up and be assigned location when we gather that night.

Youth Bus Trip To Capitol: Carolyn asked in her Agenda that we form a committee to begin the fundraising for this to cover costs so that our Administrative Account will be used and not have to depend on the State Account. We have some history doing this so memories were shared about that and some remembered their children participating. Lyla wants to chair this committee because she has all the forms and has previous experience with prior trips. She says ultimately the schools will be responsible to supply the students. We just need to get groups to donate toward the costs. She has forms to approach these clubs and groups. The cost will be approximately \$1100.

Cathy I wants to participate. Joyce W has been vocal about her interest but is not here for input. We agree that we need to begin this process as clubs decide their outgoing expenses for giving in the fall. The trip would be in the spring. Becky made the motion with Jim B supporting to form a committee with interested persons who will meet to develop a plan to fund this trip for spring 2018. The motion passed.

We agree the committee should meet if possible prior to the October 17th meeting. Lyla, Cathy and Becky are interested

Handouts were made available for many local events. Someone asked about the tshirt order and what is happening. Lyla says that if we wait a month the person doing this will do it for less expense and provide a good looking shirt similar to what we have gotten in the past. Also Diane V made a suggestion about guest speakers being at the beginning of the meeting. There was some discussion and Rose said that speakers are given the option of not having to sit through our meetings in order to speak at the end. We would accommodate if needed. And it was mentioned that if we can't attend the meeting to email or call one of the officers to be excused.

The meeting was adjourned so that we could enjoy a pontoon ride on Long Lake. Our next meeting will be at the Chamber of Commerce meeting room in the Airport Terminal in Ludington on October 17 at 6:30 pm.

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