

## **Minutes for the July 18,2017 Meeting of the Mason County Republican Executive Committee**

**Chairwoman Carolyn Cater opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.**

**John Beckett led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Members and Guests Present: Rebecca Robinson, Lyla McClelland, Cheryl Kelly, Carole Johnson, Paul McCrath, Jim Bachelder, Kris Struve, Cathy Ingraham, Carolyn Cater, John Kreinbrink, Joyce and Hank Wykretowicz, Sheriff Kim Cole, John Beckett, Heather Vandervest, Kayla Myers. Absent with excuse: Rose DeLoof, D.Wayne Kelly, Rod Merrill, Tim Muldoon.**

**Minutes from the June 20th meeting had been submitted via email and facebook to members prior to the meeting. Also paper copies were made available at the meeting prior to starting. There was no discussion and Jim Bachelder motioned to accept as presented with Cheryl Kelly supporting. Minutes were approved.**

**Treasurer's Report was presented by John Kreinbrink. He had submitted financials to members prior to the meeting via email. The Expense Detail, Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual were briefly discussed. John added a few Lincoln Dinner expenses , a membership and the purchase of a canopy for FNL events. It was suggested that when he gets online to pay the phone bill he could switch to a cheaper plan during these months when there is not much activity. He will do this soon. There is a plan for \$10 for 250 minutes that will work for our needs. Jim Bachelder motioned to accept the treasurer's report as submitted with John Beckett supporting. The report was approved.**

**Introduction of Guests: Kayla Myers is here from the Alzheimer's Association as our featured speaker for after this meeting.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Carolyn Cater submitted the letter nominating Lyla McClelland, James Bachelder, and Rod Merrill for the vacant seat on the Board of County Canvassers to our clerk Cheryl Kelly. Carolyn provided a paper copy for the permanent record. The person chosen will take over after the current term expires November 1, 2017.**

#### **Committee Reports**

**Highway cleanup committee leader Hank Wykretowicz reports that the next clean-up is scheduled for July 24th, Monday at 6pm at the Pere Marquette Town Hall parking lot and there are still 12 volunteers needed to sign up. He has sent a sign up sheet around the room.**

**Rose DeLoof our speaker committee leader is not here. She relayed to Carolyn that there is as yet no speaker for August although several good suggestions have been made.**

**Rod Merrill our media master committee leader is also not here.**

**Lyla McClelland the Events committee leader reports that she needs a check from John Kreinbrink prior to booking the park for the September 10th Annual Fall Picnic at the Suttons Park Pavilion. There are still volunteers needed for the Friday Night Live Events over the next few weeks. Lyla sent a sign up sheet around for that and the upcoming County Fair Booth shifts.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chamber dues are due this Thursday and cost \$145. Dues give us access to display our resources at the Chamber building, their staff provide info and referrals to those who call or visit the Chamber and visitor centers and we are able to use the meeting room whenever it is free. Carolyn took a vote and there was 100% consensus that this makes sense for the next year and John should pay that bill.

Carolyn attended the State Committee Meeting and learned about a 3 Phase Incentive Program where we could earn money by doing certain volunteer activities. She showed us a large binder of information about that program that she has yet to read but we will revisit this at the August meeting to discuss in more detail. She would have to complete a questionnaire in Phase 1 and in the other Phases we have options for hours that receive credit. There is access to phone apps to get information from the last election to use.

John Kreinbrink, Rod Merrill and Carolyn Cater have been attending training regarding Campaign Finance. It has been learned that we can establish an Administrative Account to accept donations anonymously with limited amounts and uses for that money. No more than \$25 thousand can be in that account and it cannot be used for purposes related to candidates and elections. The donations can be in cash as well which is new for us and will open up options for accepting money during our events such as Friday Night Live, the County Fair booth and other times. We can support activities such as sending youth to the Capitol and buying supplies etc that are not campaign related. We still need to learn more about this account and the rules that need to be followed as well as keeping track of it. Several members offered money to get the account opened prior to the next meeting. Cathy Ingraham motioned to accept those donations to have John Kreinbrink start that account asap. Jim Bachelder supported and this was approved. Then Hank Wykretowicz motioned to amend with the stipulation that we revise as needed those legal reporting and accounting rules as we learn more in training. Jim Bachelder supported and the motion was accepted.

The Mason County Fair is coming up next month Aug 8-12 and we normally have our booth reserved and paid for by now. John has not received the contract information. Sheriff Cole provided an email for Marcia Hansen who is on the Fair Board and in charge of booths for John Kreinbrink to communicate with her about this. Lyla has a sign up sheet for volunteers and she will again this year organize the setting up and scheduling of the booth.

We had mentioned in previous meetings that Patrick Colbeck would make an excellent speaker offering a Healthcare Symposium like was done in Manistee County at one of our future meetings or as a separate event. We can do this as long as it doesn't involve his being a candidate as we are not able to endorse at this point prior to the primary. We will need to revisit this at the August meeting.

Our meeting was adjourned in order to invite Kayla Myers to begin her talk on the Alzheimer's Association activities in West Michigan and specifically the Walk to End Alzheimer's Sept 16th in Ludington at the Waterfront Park. She distributed flyers and contact information. Our next meeting in August is on the 15th in this same meeting room here at the Chamber of Commerce at 6:30.

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