

## **Minutes for March 15, 2016 Meeting of the Mason County Republican Executive Committee**

Vice Chairman Susan Boes called the meeting to order.

Rose DeLoof led the **Invocation**.

Paul McCrath led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

**Minutes** for Feb meeting were distributed by Rebecca Robinson and Paul McCrath made the motion to accept as written with Phil DeVries supporting. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** was provided by Paul McCrath with usual reports submitted of Profit and Loss Budget vs Actual for Jan 1- Mar 11, Expense Detail Jan/Feb and Balance Sheet as of Mar 11. Rose and Lyla are still collecting sponsor ads and some membership checks are coming in. Phil D moved to accept financials with Jim B supporting. Report accepted as submitted.

**Members Absent and Excused:** John Kreinbrink, Lyla McClelland, Hank and Joyce Wykretowicz.

**Members Present:** Susan Boes, Rebecca and Charlie Robinson, Phil DeVries, Rod Merrill, Paul McCrath, Cathy Ingraham, Sheriff Kim Cole, Jim Bachelder, John Schulke, Brad Chandonnet, Rosemarie DeLoof, John Beckett. **Guests:** Peter Ochs, Dee and Stan Bennette, Carole Johnson, Benjamin Chandonnet, Andrew Kmetz.

**Introduction of Guests:** Stan and Dee Bennette were present to announce the upcoming banquet for the NRA which will be April 2 beginning at 5pm. There will be a gun drawing for veterans, police, and firefighters. Also they announced the Right to life Banquet on April 14 at 6pm. They still have tickets available for both events and both will happen at the Lincoln Hills Golf Club.

**Old Business:**

### **Committee Reports**

**Issues and Priorities:** Phil DeVries has no report for this month.

**Membership :** Lyla had provided a sign- up sheet for the dinner so that she would have an accurate head count to confirm with Lincoln Hills. Rod will be doing the program sponsor ads for the dinner. There is still room for ads and there will be opportunity to pay for memberships now and at dinner by providing checks to Paul.

**Declared Candidates for Michigan 101st District:** Curt VanderWall

**Declared Candidates for United States 1st District :** Tom Casperson and Jason Allen

**Declared Candidates for United States 2nd District :** Bill Huizinga

**Water Collection for Flint:** Water collected by Mason County Republicans, Democrats, Mason County Eastern School, and Bethany Lutheran Church was stored at Beltone, courtesy of John Beckett, on Jebavy Rd. On March 5th, the water was hauled by private vehicles to Home Depot where it was palletized by Home Depot employees for transport to Flint by Home Depot trucks. There were a couple news releases and article by the Ludington Daily News.

**March 21, Lincoln Dinner:** Attorney General Bill Schuette will be keynote speaker. Members can support by getting their membership forms and checks to Paul McCrath and by buying and selling ads in the dinner programs. There is also to be a silent auction where you can donate items and purchase items. Let Lyla know if you are able to donate. Paul M needs value of items and how that value was established.

**March 22, County Convention:** Call to Convention notice was sent out to precinct delegates and nominees for county offices. The Convention will split into caucuses for US Congressional Districts 1 and 2 and each caucus will use the At Large Method of selecting delegates and alternates to the Michigan State Convention. The District 1 caucus will choose 2 Delegates and 2 Alternates and District 2 will choose 5 Delegates and 5 Alternates. Chairman Kreinbrink, email [jfk110@charter.net](mailto:jfk110@charter.net), can provide complete rules for both conventions upon request.

**April 8-9 Michigan State Convention:** Each of the 14 Congressional Districts will have a caucus on Friday evening with the ultimate purpose of selecting 3 Delegates and 3 alternates to the National Convention from each district. At large delegates for the National Convention will be selected on Saturday in the meeting of all delegates. Peter Ochs reports that delegates wanting to participate in the National Convention need to get the waiver to lock in your vote when it is received. That locks you into a candidate for the 1st vote and if it comes to a second ballot you are able to choose anyone you want. That is for the contested convention. Through his travels across the state he reports there are 3000 vacant delegate spots. If we know of anyone else wanting to become a delegate he is able to notarize their application.

**Filing for Precinct Delegates;** Filing deadline is 4pm May 3 and the forms are available from the County Clerk's Office or the Michigan Secretary of State website at [http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633\\_8721\\_11839--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633_8721_11839--,00.html) The form must be notarized so do not sign until in the presence of a notary. You must live in the area you want to be a delegate for and if you move you must resign and re-run.

**Filing for Partisan Elected Offices:** Filing deadline is 4pm April 19th. Forms again are available at the Clerk's Office or Secretary of State online at the link above. All County Commissioners are up for election.

#### **New Business:**

**Precinct Delegate Apportionment for August 2 Primary:** There will be 65 precinct positions for the August election. The apportionment document was filed with the County Clerk and the Michigan Republican Party.

Cathy Ingraham traveled to see Glenn Beck in Grand Rapids at the rally for Ted Cruz. She asks for anyone interested in helping with the Mason County Citizens for Ted Cruz group that she heads up. She also asks for prayer for all the activities having to do with the Ted Cruz candidacy.

Brad Chandonnet reports that he will be speaking on the Johnson amendment regarding separation of church and state during the Manistee Tea Party meeting on March 17th at the Bungalow in Manistee with dinner at 5:30 and the meeting to start at 6:30.

Our next meeting will be 6:30pm on April 19th at the Book Mark in Ludington.

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