

Minutes for May 17,2016 Meeting of the Mason County Executive Republican Committee

John kreinbrink called the meeting to order at 6:33.

OPENING: Phil DeVries led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

Members and others Present: John Kreinbrink, Rebecca and Charlie Robinson, Rod Merrill, Jim Bachelder, Paul McCrath, Hank Wykretowicz, Cathy Ingraham, Kim Cole, Andrew Kmetz, John Beckett, Phil DeVries, Lyla McClelland, Carole Johnson, Caroline, Elaine, and Erin Cater. **Members Excused** are Susan Boes, Rose DeLoof, and Cheryl Kelly.

Guests: Greg Robison, Henry Rasmussen, and Peter Ochs.

Minutes: Rebecca Robinson submitted minutes for the April 19th meeting. There was a spelling correction needed on Curt VanderWall's name. Also Lyla McClelland requested that the profit of \$1624.00 be added into the report for the Lincoln Dinner. Jim Bachelder moved to accept minutes as corrected and Paul McCrath supported. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Paul McCrath submitted and summarized the financials. Financials were approved.

Introduction of Guests: Greg Robison is varsity football coach for Scottville school. He is a friend of candidate Curt VanderWall. He asked questions and challenged us about how to get the youth involved because he sees the majority being influenced by liberals. His son is 17. He mentioned some of the players on his team need some political mentoring. The Tyndall boys are conservative and outgoing and it was suggested they might be able to participate in some republican activities if encouraged. There is a youth chair for the state who could be invited to speak at a rally. Also youth like parties and we might host a party. Have the youth join us on the 4th of July parade. He requested a membership form and is willing to be an active participant in our group. Peter Ochs is a regular guest and he reported on the hard work he is doing in our area to get republicans elected. He asked for people to volunteer to become team leaders for townships to supervise and assign field workers. This also could be an area where youth could be recruited. He said the 101st race is one of the top 5 priorities in the state so we in this county will have state level staff assigned here to help. There will be poll flushing activities. He demonstrated an app for phones for a neighborhood team leader to pull up when approaching a constituent's door to be able to see their demographics and speak intelligently to them. The idea is to figure out who will vote and make sure they get to the polls.

Old Business:

Committee Reports

Issues and Priorities: Phil D has nothing new to report. Curt VanderWall remains a major priority race for us.

Membership Committee: Lyla M, John K and Rod M met during the past month. Lyla reported that they drafted a brief letter to be sent to a list of people who have been involved in the past. We are all asked to take names from the list and communicate with those people to share the load and get more accomplished. The list will be made available soon probably by email. John K has a separate letter and list for elected officials which he will be responsible for himself to get the word to them. Most of those elected and claiming to run as republicans have not paid dues. It was also brought up that the Michigan Election Law demands that more inclusive demographic information be collected for those contributing \$100 or more. John K has revised the form and brought copies to distribute.

Highway Clean-Up: went very well. We put it together with members and helpers and no youth group involvement. The dates for future cleanups are July 16-24, Sept 24-Oct 2. Perhaps we will get youth groups for those future dates.

New Business:

Fourth of July Parade: John K added this item. We need to communicate with candidates to see who is walking. Becky and Charlie Robinson volunteered their 5th wheel camper to serve as a float for the parade. Cathy Ingraham, the Cater family, John Beckett all volunteered to decorate. Cathy will look into getting a Benghazi banner. Lyla M has some banners in storage and others can be borrowed. John K approved the funding for the parade fee and candy up to \$100.

Meet and Greet for Candidates: We will meet prior to this event briefly and invite all candidates to attend. The next meeting is June 21 so we will get it organized for that date if possible. Lyla will talk to Randy at the Stearns to ask for the ballroom. John K approved budget and costs to cover of up to \$300 per motion made by Phil DeVries and supported by Kim Cole.

August Conventions for state and county: We have a primary Aug 2 and then the 11th we have a county convention to select delegates for the state Convention on the 26th and 27th.

Auction items are left if anyone interested. Lyla brought some along. She has info on the minimum bid needed to purchase those.

Carole Johnson brought up her plan to boycott Target as organized by the AFA due to the issue with the transgender bathroom situation. She reports that there is an online petition which can be signed for support.

The next meeting time and place will be announced. The date will be June 21st.

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