

Minutes for the February 16, 2016 Meeting of the Mason County Republican Executive Committee

Chairman John Kreinbrink called the meeting to order.

Invocation and Pledge led by John Beckett.

Minutes presented by Rebecca Robinson. Paul McCrath moved to accept the minutes and Hank Wykretowicz seconded. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer Paul McCrath provided financial reports Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Budget vs Actual, and Expense Detail. Hank Wykretowicz made the motion to accept the financials and Susan Boes supported. The financials were accepted as presented.

Present: John Kreinbrink, Rebecca Robinson, Paul McCrath, Phil DeVries, Sue Boes, John Beckett, Lyla McClelland, Rod Merrill, Hank and Joyce Wykretowicz, Bill Kokx, Cathy Ingraham.

Guests: Curt and Diane Vanderwall, Cheryl and Wayne Kelly, Steve Begnoche, Jeff Guilles, Henry Rasmussen, Elaine Cater, Peter Ochs, Carolyn Cater, Jesse Osmer, and Dan Benishek.

Introduction of Guests:

Special Guest US Representative Dr. Dan Benishek spoke briefly about activity in Washington D.C. Priority is to pass budget appropriations because nothing can get accomplished without a budget. He will support whoever is nominated for President and for the seat he is vacating he supports Tom Casperson.

Guest Peter Ochs reported that there are seats still available for the Mar 3 Debate in Detroit. There is an online lottery if interested. Also Feb 27th at 7pm he will be conducting election day operations training test in Grand Rapids. Ballot integrity and poll flushing were explained by him. He would really like people to volunteer to help in Grand Rapids.

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee was reported on by John Kreinbrink. He provided the annual membership letter to be mailed out to our mailing list. He has a slightly different version he will mail to those republicans serving in offices currently. All to be mailed tomorrow. He asked for help if anyone has time. Also reported that the Lincoln Dinner is scheduled for March 21 and Attorney General Bill Schutte will be the keynote Speaker.

Issues and Priorities: Phil DeVries reported there is one candidate for priority but he needs to meet with John prior to announcing the details of this campaign.

Declared Candidates for the Michigan 101st District - Curt Vanderwall. He spoke briefly about needing a campaign manager. Says he is always available and feel free to contact him if you need anything from him. His email is cdvwall@gmail.com

Declared Candidates for the US 1st District are Tom Casperson and Jason Allen.

Declared Candidates for the US 2nd District is Bill Huizinga.

New Business:

March 22, Mason County Convention at Courthouse to elect delegates and alternates for state convention which is April 8 and 9. The Michigan convention will elect chairpersons and delegates for the August elections.

Filing for Precinct Delegates- petitions are available at the County Clerk's office.

Filing for the Partisan Elected offices are also available at the County Clerk's office.

Water Collection for Flint. John Kreinbrink will arrange transportation for the water that has been collected and stored at Beltone John Beckett's business. He recommends sending donations to Genessee County United Way if you are able and did not get to donate water.

Next Meeting Time and Place- March 15, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Book Mark in Ludington.

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