

Minutes for the Mason County Republican Executive Committee March 21,2017 Meeting

Chairman Carolyn Cater called the meeting to order at 7pm rather than 6:30 due to not being able to get in our meeting room at the Chamber of Commerce and having to relocate to Book Mark.

OPENING: The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Beckett.

ATTENDANCE: Rebecca and Charlie Robinson, Cheryl and Wayne Kelly, Cathy Ingraham, Diane Vanderwall, Kris Struve, Rosemarie DeLoof, Lyla McClelland, Jim Bachelder, Joyce Wykretowicz, Tim Muldoon, Rod Merrill, Carole Johnson, John Kreinbrink, Heather Vandervest, Carolyn Cater, John Beckett. EXCUSED: Hank Wykretowicz. GUESTS: Ray Franz, Reverend Tim and Lorna Tucker, Stan and Dee Bennette.

MINUTES: Rebecca Robinson emailed February 21st minutes to each group member and brought hard copies to the meeting. One misspelled name was found Low Squires name under guests should have read Lew Squires and an error was reported on the Jan minutes which still needs correcting that Rod Merrill was left off members listed in the Audit Committee. Rosemarie DeLoof motioned to approve the minutes with the corrections and Jim Bachelder seconded. Minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Kreinbrink had emailed the Profit/Loss Budget vs Actual, Balance Sheet and Expense Detail to group prior to the meeting and there were some copies available to view. He went over each document and there was no discussion. We did discuss however the procedure for submitting applications and payment to him for the Lincoln Day Dinner and memberships and the sponsor ads. Also need to get him the Donor/Gifts in Kind information form filled in for the Silent Auction items. Wayne Kelly moved to accept the report and Jim Bachelder seconded. The Report was approved.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Ray Franz former representative for the 101st District and current Chair of the Manistee Executive Committee will be our featured guest speaker at the end of this meeting. Reverend Tim and Lorna Tucker are visiting here as new Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Ludington and getting to know the community. Dee Bennette is visiting to present information regarding the upcoming Right to Life Banquet on April 20th at the Lincoln Hills Golf Club. The Speaker for this event will be the state Director for RTL. Doors open at 5:30 with dinner at 6:30. Stan Bennette is here for the purpose of inviting us to attend the Mason and Manistee Friends of the NRA fundraiser banquet and auction also at the Lincoln Hills Golf Club this Saturday March 25 beginning at 5:30. He brought flyers and tickets to buy for the dinner and the raffle. They ask that tickets be purchased in advance so there is an accurate count for the catering.

OLD BUSINESS:

Apparently there is interest in looking at the by-laws for possible updating. Last change was 2010. Lyla McClelland makes the point that the by-laws are useful and general information as they are but it might be helpful to develop an operating procedures type manual for the officers to read and use. This can be deferred to the Steering Committee which will meet this coming Friday.

There was discussion on painting the canopy for the Friday Night Live Events this July. There are volunteers already planning on completing this project by July.

The only committee reports were for Media Master and Speaker. Rod Merrill has been working diligently on developing a private facebook group page for Mason County GOP Executive Committee and Precinct Delegates to communicate quickly and more efficiently in real time. There are already 28

members and he has invited at least 11 more. He is setting up a file for Lincoln Day Dinner planner and a schedule of events for the year. He asks that we view our website pages and bring errors to his attention. He also continues to monitor the regular facebook page.

Rose reports that speakers for April will be County Commissioner Wally Taranko and for May Wayne Schoonover Director for the Mason County Road Commission. Ideas for future speakers can be directed to her along with contact information for the months June and beyond.

Joyce Wykretowicz added an item to the agenda for Highway Cleanup this year. She asks if we want to continue to do this and if so, do we hire a youth group or do it ourselves. The spring date is April 15-23. We agreed to continue and selected April 21st as the date to work on it. We will again meet at 6pm in the Pere Marquette parking lot to get assigned sections, vests and garbage bags. Rod Merrill will set this event up on our facebook page.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Lincoln Day Dinner will be May 8th due to scheduling of Speaker Bill Huizenga. Cheryl Kelly agreed to do the auction. Andrew Kmetz and Tim Muldoon will be working on the silent auction display tables. We need to be selling sponsor ads at \$25 per ad, getting the info and money out to Rod and John. Rod will do the graphics for the ads in the program and will also run the ads on facebook with a link to the business website. John needs the personal checks made out to MCREC along with the application filled in. Rod needs a business card and/or the information from the application to develop the ad. This needs to be done soon to give time to get it printed. We are also supposed to come up with questions for the audience to ask Huizenga at the dinner. Those need to be presented to the Steering Committee members prior to our next meeting in April for approval.

Other events going on in the community include Business After Hours Wednesday at the Timbers Restaurant on S. James St. The group will meet upstairs there at 6pm.

There was a suggestion that we consider volunteering or sponsoring in the Petunia Parade this year. We will revisit this at subsequent meetings.

The next meeting will be April 18th at the Chamber of Commerce meeting room in the Mason County Airport Terminal at 6:30pm.

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