

## **October 17,2017 Minutes for the Mason County Republican Executive Committee Meeting**

**Chairwoman Carolyn called the meeting to order in the Meeting Room in the House of Flavors Restaurant in Ludington at approximately 6:30 pm. There was a last minute change in location due to our regular meeting room having plumbing problems so a note was left at that location by Cathy Ingraham for those who couldn't be notified.**

**Tim Muldoon was asked to lead us in the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Members present: Secretary Rebecca Robinson, Sheriff Kim Cole, Clerk Cheryl Kelly, Chairwoman Carolyn Cater, Rosemarie DeLoof, Cathy Ingraham, Carole Johnson, Treasurer John Kreinbrink, Nancy Mauer, Lyla McClelland, Rod Merrill, Tim Muldoon, Hank and Joyce Wykretowicz. Excused absent were Wayne Kelly and John Beckett. Unexcused absent was Jim Bachelder. Guests present: Heather Vandervest, Brandon Sinclair, Paul McCrath, and James Myjak(USCG)**

**Minutes for the September 19 meeting had been emailed and posted on facebook prior to the meeting with paper copies being available at this meeting. There was a correction where in the Treasurer's Report an explanation for where the \$200 came from for our administrative account needed to be added. Carolyn Cater had completed Phase I of the County Party Incentives Plan to earn those funds. Cheryl Kelly moved to accept the minutes as corrected with Rod Merrill supporting. The minutes were approved.**

### **Introduction of Guests:**

**Brandon Sinclair is a volunteer for Bill Schuette for Governor campaign and works as a constituent representative for West Michigan. He has brought a petition to get Bill Schuette on the ballot and is requesting of those present to sign if willing.**

**James Myjak is our featured speaker for the evening and represents the United States Coast Guard. He is recently stationed here in Ludington.**

**Treasurer's Report is brought to us by Treasurer John Kreinbrink. He emailed the financial documents to all members and also has a paper copy available at this meeting to review for approval. The Expense Detail has added this month the phone bill Consumers Cellular. He will next month have the new lower rate to pay as we will use less minutes. Also the costs for the newspaper ad in the Ludington Daily News for the Annual Picnic and he renewed our post office box for the year. In the Profit and Loss Budget vs Actual report he broke out the income from the sponsorships \$650 from the Lincoln Day Dinner. Before the end of the year there will be some Fair expenses to report. And finally the Balance Sheet shows we have \$5577.65 in the Bank. Rod Merrill motioned to approve this report and Carole Johnson supported. The Report was approved.**

### **Old Business:**

**Youth Outreach Bus Trip: Although we have a committee established we need a motion for approval to sponsor this trip and begin fundraising for the trip which would take place in March 2018. Carolyn asked Joyce Wykretowicz to be a committee member for this and she accepted. Lyla M has drafted a letter to submit to local clubs and has done some research on costs. Compass Coast buslines charge \$1500 for the day for a bus which accommodates 50 students and 6 chaperones. An extra tip is( \$1-3 per person) recommended which would bring the costs up depending on that amount. A deposit will need to be made this year with the balance due 2 weeks prior to the trip. Some pictures were shared from our last bus trip. Possible fundraising activities suggested include bake sales, collecting items or**

money for items to feed the attendees while on the bus, inviting sponsorships and then if needed we use our administrative account for the balance. The committee will explore and report at the next meetings. Rose DeLoof made the motion that we sponsor the bus trip to the Capitol for school age children and adult sponsors to take place in March 2018. Cathy Ingraham supported with all voting to approve the trip. So now the committee will need to meet prior to the next monthly meeting and report on progress. The actual date for the trip will be determined by the State and the committee will find that out.

#### **New Business:**

The Mission Statement Committee met and developed a formal mission statement which has been now distributed to all at this meeting to review and discuss for approval.

The statement is “ Support individual liberties and opportunities guaranteed in the United States Constitution by electing Republican candidates for office:locally, statewide, and nationally.

The handout also included courses of action to attain these goals.

Rod Merrill made the motion to accept this Mission Statement and Rose DeLoof supported. This was approved. It was noted that this statement is not part of the ByLaws.

As our group has discovered there are some practices that have been handed down and accepted through the years but not written as formal rules. Thus, we need to develop some written policies and procedures to assure we are consistent in our implementation. So Carolyn Cater will need to appoint a Policy and Procedure Committee. She asked Hank Wykretowicz to chair, with John Kreinbrink, Rebecca Robinson, Lyla McClelland, John Beckett and Carolyn Cater also appointed. If anyone else wants to participate they are directed to contact Hank. This group will meet prior to the next meeting and begin reporting progress by November meeting.

Homeless Shelter Outreach. Some of our group participated in this program last spring and would like to do this again. Need 8-10 people for overnight and for evening and morning meals. There are a few dates left open Nov 29 this year and Jan 31 next year. There needs to be a minimum of 2 men and 1 woman or 3 men for overnight as someone needs to be awake at all times. Breakfast is 7-8 am with us providing the food and serving. Supper is 5:45-8pm. The shelter is all men occupants and about 20 or more. Several people are volunteering for this tonight. For the overnight Rose D, John K, and Hank W. Carolyn Cater has agreed to provide and serve the entree for supper and she will help Cheryl Kelly with breakfast. 3 others will bring side dishes for the supper as well. Rose volunteered to organize this for the night of the 29th and will report on this at our next meeting.

As always there are countless opportunities for participating in activities locally and around the state. Carolyn has brought flyers for several. We are anxious to hear from James Myjak our featured speaker and so Rose makes the motion to adjourn and Hank supports. Our next meeting will take place at our usual time and place in the Airport meeting room at the Chamber of Commerce on November 21rst. Meeting adjourned.

James Myjak is new to this Coast Guard Station but has been in the Coast Guard for 13 years. He spoke of the search and rescue efforts here and at the other locations he has served in He discussed the extensive training he has been a part of and says much of it was in law enforcement. Coast guard officers are considered federal law enforcement. There were many questions for him and he did a great job with interesting and informative answers.

