

Minutes of the Mason County Republican Executive Committee meeting held on Wednesday May 11, 2011 at Luciano's Ristorante located at 103 W. Ludington Avenue, Ludington, MI.

Members Present: Paul B. McCrath, Linda Koch, Kris Struve, Lyla M. McClelland, Joyce Wykretowicz, Hank Wykretowicz, Eugene J. Jorissen, Ivan J. Anthony, Thomas J. Gangler, Carl W. Parker, John F. Kreinbrink, Rosemarie A. DeLoof and Beth McMaster.

Members Excused: Diane L. Stark, Charles W. Whiteside, Rodney D. Merrill, Stan D. Bennette, Brad Chandonnet and Chris Spuller.

Unexcused Member: Jim Bachelder

Others Present: Carole Johnson, Peter Ochs, Fred Slimmen and Betty Anthony

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hank Wykretowicz at 12:10 pm. The invocation was given by Paul McCrath followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Wykretowicz introduced Peter Ochs field representative for Sen. Goeff Hansen and welcomed the guests.

The minutes for April 12, 2011 were approved with addition of Charles Whiteside being excused. The minutes were prepared by Susan Kasley Sniegowski at the request of Chairman Hank Wykretowicz.

Treasurer Paul McCrath presented the Treasurer's Report. It was reported that as of May 5, 2011 we have a balance of \$8,685.20. This was approved as presented without objection.

Chairman Wykretowicz announced the need for a secretary and Rosemarie DeLoof agreed to be nominated for this position. A motion was made by Gene Jorissen and seconded by Carl Parker to elect Rosemarie as our secretary. Motion carried. Everyone expressed their gratitude to Rosemarie for stepping forward and accepting the responsibilities of this position.

Joyce Wykretowicz reported that seven individuals were present for Highway Clean Up on April 30, 2011. The next dates for cleanup are July 9 thru the 17. A specific date and time will be chosen at the next meeting. Everyone was encouraged to participate.

Chairman Wykretowicz reports that a chairman for the membership committee is still needed. He presented us with the handouts that will be included in new membership packets.

Lyla McClelland gave a report on the State of the "Secretary of State". Ruth Johnson is looking for each county to have a 'Ruth Captain' to assist her in getting out her message. She will be sending out monthly reports. Currently she is launching a comprehensive training program and establishing new procedures for election workers to ensure every ballot counts. She is cutting costs and has agreed to cut \$2.1 million (20%) from her general fund allocation. Her entire report will be posted on our website every month.

Events Chairman Lyla reported that 95 people attended the Lincoln Day Dinner. Profits from the dinner was \$280.74, Sponsor ads netted \$335 and the auction raised \$898 giving us a total of \$1,513.74 for our major fund raiser. The Multi-County dinner was held at the VFW hall in Manistee Thursday, May 5. Five people from Mason County attended which netted \$75 for our treasury.

Chairman Hank led a discussion on whether we need a Condolence Policy. After a brief discussion Paul McCrath made a motion seconded by Gene Jorissen that a Condolence Policy was not needed. The motion carried.

Joyce Wykretowicz asked if we were going to be in the Fourth of July parade and if we need to buy candy. A motion was made by Gene Jorissen and seconded by Joyce to have an entry in the parade and to purchase candy to be handed out along the parade route. The motion carried. Gene Jorissen has offered the use of his red convertible for the parade. Carl Parker will look into purchasing candy for the parade.

Peter Ochs says Senator Hansen is very hopeful that a budget will be out by the first week in June. Peter answered questions on taxing pension plans, unearned income tax credits and the status of the new bridge to Canada.

May 20, 2011 the Oceana County Regan Day Dinner will be held at The Cottages of Pentwater at 6pm. There will be a fund raiser for Colin Hansen on May 21, 2011 at the Oceana County Fairgrounds. Details for the fund raiser will be posted on our website as they become available.

Carole Johnson has agreed to be a "Ruth Captain" to keep us updated on the challenges and progress of our new Secretary of State. Chairman Wykretowicz will contact Secretary of State Ruth Johnson's office to pass along Carole Johnson's contact information.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55.

Rosemarie DeLoof
Secretary
Republican Executive Committee