

Minutes of the Mason County Republican Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at Luciano's Restorante located at 103 W. Ludington Avenue, Ludington, Michigan beginning at 12:00 noon.

Members Present: Jim Bachelder, Stan Bennette, Susan Boes, Brad Chandonnet, Tom Gangler, Linda Koch, John Kreinbrink, Charles Lange, Lyla McClelland, Jim Riffle, Lewis Squires, Diane Stark, Kris Struve, Curt VanderWall, Hank Wykretowicz, Joyce Wykretowicz.

Members Excused: Ivan Anthony, Rose Deloof, Paul McCrath

Guests/Candidates Present: Jean Bachelder, Richard Boes, Benjamin Chandonnet, Greg Collins, Bill Distman, Carole Johnson, Dave Kosla, Jeff Nellis, Shane Reed, Michael B. Schneider, John C. Schulke, Randal A. Wolf, Sherry Wyman.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hank Wykretowicz at 12:05 p.m.

Jim Riffle gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Wykretowicz.

The minutes of the May 9, 2012 meeting were approved as written.

The treasurer's report was approved at presented.

Lyla McClelland gave a recommendation for the GOP office to be located in the McMaster Professional Building in Scottville. The other locations in and around the Ludington area are either in an undesirable location or are cost prohibitive. The monies that are saved in rent can be used for advertising the location. Motion by Stan Bennette, second by Jim Bachelder to utilize the Scottville location and to use the monies saved on rent for advertising. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding the July 4th Parade. A space has been reserved for the Mason County Republican Committee. Chairman Wykretowicz will email out the location when it is received as well as publish the location on the website and send out on Facebook. Chairman Wykretowicz will check with Joe for a car. If that is not feasible, Stan Bennette will contact Great Lakes Ford.

Carole Johnson has researched prices on t-shirts. Cost to the committee will be \$9 plus a one time set up fee. Sign up was sent around for the shirts for the parade. Additionally, Chairman Wykretowicz will email the membership for additional orders. Charge to members will be \$10 to cover the cost of the shirt and the cost of the set-up fee.

The GOP Booth has been reserved for the Western Michigan Fair that will be held on July 24 - 28, 2012. Next month a sign up sheet for workers will be circulated.

There will be a GOP booth at the Friday Night Live events. That sign up will be circulated next month as well. This is a great way for candidates to meet people and get their information distributed.

Adopt A Highway will be the week of July 14 through 22, 2012. It is requested that the group have at least eight people committed for the pick-up. Typically, this requires about 45 minutes or less. Please mark you calendars for that week and plan on helping. A specific date will be set at the next meeting.

Pastor Brad Chandonnet announced that his church, Gospel Light Baptist Church located at 105 N. Dennis Road, Ludington, MI 49431, will be holding their annual Patriot Day on Sunday, July 1, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. with a picnic to follow. Any current office holders are invited to attend and be recognized by Pastor Chandonnet and the church. Contact Benjamin Chandonnet following today's meeting for a flier. Others interested can contact Pastor Chandonnet.

The following candidates introduced themselves at the meeting:

Jeff Nellis, Mason County Probate Judge Candidate (see note below)
Sherry Wyman, Mason County Treasurer Candidate
John Schulke, Mason County Surveyor Candidate
Lew Squires, Mason County Commissioner District 4 Candidate
Susan Boes, Mason County Commissioner District 1 Candidate
Curt VanderWall, Mason County Commissioner District 4 Candidate
Mike Schneider, Mason County Commissioner District 2 Candidate
Chuck Lange, Mason County Commissioner District 3 Candidate
Hank Wykretowicz, Mason County Commissioner District 3 Candidate
Randy Wolf, Hamlin Township Supervisor Candidate
Greg Collins, Hamlin Township Trustee Candidate

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Diane Stark
Acting Secretary
Mason County Republican

Note: The Probate Judge race is a non-partisan race (and only two candidates filed). Therefore those candidates running for Probate Judge will NOT be on the August Primary Election Ballot, only the November General Election Ballot.