

Minutes of the Mason County Republicans Executive Committee held on Wednesday August 10, 2011 at Luciano's Ristorante located at 103 W. Ludington, Ludington, MI beginning at 12:07 pm.

Members present: Rosemarie A. DeLoof, Paul B. McCrath, Stan D. Bennette, Kris Struve, Brad Chandonnet, Lorraine Van Buren, Lyla M. McClelland, Linda Koch, Charles W. Whiteside, Eugene J. Jorissen, Jim Bachelder, John Kreinbrink, Thomas J. Gangler, Joyce Wykretowicz and Hank Wykretowicz.

Members Excused: Diane Stark, James Riffle, Rodney D. Merrill, Beth McMaster and Chris Spuller.

Others Present: Dee Bennett, Richard D, DeLoof, Jim McInnis, Carole Johnson and Jean Bachelder.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hank Wykretowicz at 12:07 pm. The pledge of allegiance was said followed by the invocation given by Pastor Brad Chandonnet.

Chairman Hank Wykretowicz introduced and welcomed the new Pere Marquette Township Supervisor, Jim McInnis.

The minutes of the last meeting in July were approved and accepted as written.

Treasurer Paul McCrath presented the Treasurer's report with a balance of \$8,431.69. A motion was made by Rosemarie DeLoof and seconded by Stan D. Bennett to approve this report. Motion carried.

Carole Johnson presented the SOS Ruth report. It is a summary of her first six months in office and is available on her website info@rj4mi.com.

Highway Clean up report was given by Joyce Wykretowicz. Five members showed up for the cleanup date and only one side of the highway was completed. The next dates will be September 24 to October 2, 2011. Joyce is hoping for a better response in the fall so both sides of the highway can be done. The date and time will be scheduled at our next meeting.

The West Michigan County Fair Report was given by Lyla McClelland. No decorating expenses were incurred this year. A special thank you was given to Ray Franz and Jennifer Smeltzer for providing all the informational booklets, maps and literature. The

elected officials who attended were Ray Franz, Geoff Hansen, and Adrian Poulisse for Peter Konetchy and Peter Ochs for Geoff Hansen.

Lyla reported the date of the Fall Picnic is Sunday September 18 from 1 to 3pm at Sutton's Landing Park. After reviewing the bids from Kaz's Catering and Sadler's Catering to cater this event, Paul McCrath made a motion to use Sadler's Catering for a cost of \$6 per person for the picnic. This was seconded by Linda Koch. Motion carried.

Lyla is asking for ideas for the 2012 fall picnic, it was suggested that perhaps we could do an Expo promoting the candidates. A committee is being formed to discuss and form ideas for next year. If anyone is interested in being on this committee, please contact Lyla.

Chairman Hank Wykretowicz reports that the Board of County Canvassers needs three nominees for a position. Currently Larry Reed's position is expiring. He has said he would run again. Beth McMaster and Joyce Wykretowicz have agreed to have their names also submitted for this position to the County Clerk.

Hank reports that the State Committee would like to recommend that the Republicans have a closed primary in 2012 to select the Republican candidate for President. Eugene Jorissen made a motion that Chairman Hank contact State Committee with our recommendation that Mason County choose a presidential candidate at their County Convention, this was seconded by Jim Bachelder. Motion carried. The letter to the State Committee on this issue will be kept on file.

Stan Bennett inquired whether the Mason County Republicans would participate in the Harvest Festival on September 17, 2011 in Scottville. A motion was made by Linda Koch to walk in the parade; this was seconded by Stan. Motion carried. Stan Bennett agreed to chair this event and secure the necessary permit. Hank and Joyce will order the candy for the parade.

Charlie Whiteside asked if the State Republican Committee has material to help write letters to the editors to challenge the negative comments on editorial pages. Hank will contact State Committee and ask the question.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:56pm
Rosemarie DeLoof
Secretary
Republican Executive Committee