

Minutes of the Mason County Republican Executive Committee meeting held on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at Luciano's Ristorante located at 103 W. Ludington Ave. Ludington, MI.

Members present: Hank Wykretowicz, Paul McCrath, Kris Struve, Tomas Gangler, Jim Riffle, Brad Chandonnet, Diane Stark, Linda Koch, Susan Boes, Stan Bennette and Jim Bachelder.

Excused members: Rose DeLoof, Rod Merrill, John Kreinbrink, Gene Jorissen, Joyce Wykretowicz, Beth McMaster, Ivan Anthony, Charlie Whiteside and Lyla McClelland.

Guests present: Jean Bachelder, Carole Johnson, Bill Dustman, Shane Reed and Dee Bennette.

The business meeting was called to order at 12:05pm by Chairman Hank Wykretowicz. The invocation was given by Brad Chandonnet followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the March 14, 2012 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer Paul McCrath gave his report and mentioned that of this meeting our membership numbers are down almost 25% from last year. Some discussion was held as to whether we need to reach out to those that have not as of yet renewed their memberships. No decision was made. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Current Business:

Adopt – a – Highway; the spring cleanup for 2012 is scheduled for Tuesday April 17, 2012 at 5:30PM. The next cleanup will be the week of July 14 – 22, 2012.

Lincoln Day Dinner Report; Lyla was not present so we will look forward to her report at the next meeting. Some discussion was held on the timing of our live auction at the LDD this year. One suggestion was that we hold the auction before the Keynote speaker so that we do not lose any dinner attendees prior to the start of the auction. The entire auction process should be reviewed prior to next year's Lincoln Day Dinner.

Web-site and Facebook; Brad Chandonnet reported that our Facebook page is up and running. The new Web-site will be ready in a week or so. We will keep our same website address ([www.masoncountygop.org](http://www.masoncountygop.org)). The committee approved reimbursement to Brad for any cost he incurs setting up the new website and making the transfer from old to new.

Precinct Delegates; all is going well so far. We still need more people to sign on and fill the 62 allotted precinct delegate slots we have in Mason County. Contact Jim Riffle at the County Clerk's Office for more details. The filling deadline is May 15, 2012.

GOP Election Office; we are still looking for office space. Possible options are the same office we have for the 2010 election at the Stearn's Hotel and office space that may be available in Scottville at the McMaster Office Center which is currently being renovated.

New Business:

Stan Bennette made the suggestion to have an informational/membership recruiting booth/table at the Friday Night Live events this year. The same booth or table was suggested for the 'Art Fair' at the city park but it appears that that idea may be cost prohibitive; therefore we should concentrate on the FNL events and the West Michigan Fair.

Several senatorial candidates are still looking for help circulation petitions. If you are interested in helping one or more of them out contact either Rose or Hank for details.

Guest Speaker:

Senatorial candidate Randy Hekman cancelled on us.

Announcements:

Fracking meeting to be held on April 12, 2012 at the Ludington City Hall.

Ludington Area Tea Party meeting is on April 12, 2012. Susan Boes and Sherriff Jeff Fiers will be the speakers.

Right – to – Life dinner on May 1, 2102. Contact Kris Struve or Dee Bennette for ticket information.

Oceana County GOP Lincoln Day Dinner is scheduled for May 11 in Hart, MI. Contact Juanita Pierman at 231-869-4338 if you are interested in attending. Tickets are \$25.00 per person.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:52pm.

Thank you to Kris Struve for taking the minutes of this meeting.

Hank Wykretowicz  
Chairman