

Minutes of the Mason County Republicans Executive Committee meeting held on Wednesday July 13, 2011 at Luciano's Ristorante located at 103 W. Ludington Avenue, Ludington, MI. beginning at 12:07pm.

Members present: Henry Wykretowicz, Joyce Wykretowicz, Paul B. McCrath, Thomas J. Gangler, Eugene J. Jorissen, Lyla M. McClelland, Linda Koch, Carl W. Parker, Brad Chandonnet, Charles W. Whiteside, Kris Struve, Chris Spuller and Rosemarie DeLoof.

Members Excused: Beth McMaster, Stan D. Bennette, Rodney D. Merrill, John F. Kreinbrink, Diane Stark and Ivan J. Anthony.

Unexcused members: Jim Bachelder

Others Present: Fred Slimmen, Jennifer Smeltzer, Rep. Ray Franz, Lorraine VanBuren, Carole Johnson, Peter Ochs and Linda Tanasicieicz.

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 Wykretowicz introduced and welcomed Rep. Ray Franz and Peter Ochs from Senator Goeff Hansen's office.

Motion by Charles Whiteside, supported by Carl Parker to accept the minutes of the June 8, 2011 meeting as prepared by Secretary Rosemarie DeLoof. Motion carried.

Treasurer Paul McCrath presented the Treasurer's Report and as of July 6, 2011 we have a cash balance in the amount of \$8,619.35. This was approved as presented.

Lyla McClelland reported on ordering bags for the West Michigan Fair. Initially she was told that the supplier would be able to meet the fair deadline but not at the \$200 limit the committee had approved for the bags. The officers agreed to the additional cost of up to \$250.00. However, now Lyla has been informed that the fair deadline cannot be met for this year. Motion made by Joyce Wykretowicz, supported by Linda Koch to order 500 bags spending up to \$350 for the fair for 2012. Motion carried.

Carole Johnson presented the July Ruth report. "New" Mobile office says \$75,000. The final product is a full-service office that has been condensed into four separate wheeled carts that come together to form a branch office counter. Secretary of State has filed a complaint against former Detroit Major Kwame Kilpatrick for nearly \$1 million for campaign finance violations. On the heels of April as Organ Donation Month as the Secretary of State's office and a number of new policies, including asking on our forms if

residents would like to be added to the Michigan Donor Registry, Ruth announced that there was an increase of 27% over June 2010. Ruth's office is now partnering with the DNR to offer Recreation Passports of vehicle tabs. After just five months of this partnership, May marked the sale of the one millionth Passport.

Lyla McClelland passed around a signup sheet for the West Michigan Fair. She also asked for volunteers for the Fall Picnic and Carl Parker agreed to help her.

Hank reports that there were 30 people who walked with the Republicans and Ray Franz in the Fourth of July parade.

Joyce Wykretowicz reminded us that Highway Clean Up is tonight, meet at 6pm at the PM Township Hall. The next cleanup will be in the fall from September 24 to October 3, 2011.

Hank was in Grand Rapids attending a leadership meeting hosted by Robert Schostak, He learned that there are 11,000 unidentified voters in Mason County. Peter Ochs stated that at least half of that number can be identified by using the computer. The state committee will be deciding at their August 13 meeting what type of primary will be held for the Republicans in Michigan.

The Mackinac Conference will be held from September 23-25 2011.

Representative Ray Franz reports that 250 bills passed the House with 43 being passed on June 30, 2011. His bills are all posted on his face book page. Rep. Franz explained how the process of redistricting took place. The rules are in place at the Federal level and the State has to comply with the very complicated set of rules.

Peter Ochs says that a new bridge to Canada has been tabled to this fall. Senator Hansen has not made a decision on which plan he might support.

Chairman Hank announced that a training session including Voter Vault Training, Voter Vault Goals and Election Day Operation will take place in Lansing on August 12, 2011.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:50pm.

Rosemarie DeLoof  
Secretary  
Republican Executive Committee