

Minutes of the Mason County Republican Executive Committee meeting held on Wednesday February 8, 2012 at the Luciano Restorante located on 103 W. Ludington Avenue, Ludington, Michigan beginning at 12:07 pm.

Members present: Carl W. Parker, Diane K. Stark, Stan D. Bennette, James M. Riffle, Linda Koch, John F. Kreinbrink, Lyla M. McClelland, Kris Struve, Jim Bachelder, Rosemarie A. DeLoof, Paul B. McCrath, Hank Wykretowicz, Susan Sniegowski and Susan Boes.

Members Excused: Rodney D. Merrill, Joyce Wykretowicz, Eugene J. Jorissen, Tomas J. Gangler and Brad Chandonnet.

Unexcused Members: Beth McMaster, Ivan J. Anthony and Chris Spuller,

Others Present: Shane Reed, Jean Bachelder and Juanita Pierman

The business meeting was called to order at 12:07 pm by Chairman Hank Wykretowicz. The invocation was given by Paul McCrath followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the January 11, 2012 were approved as written.

Treasurer Paul McCrath presented the Treasurer's report with a balance of \$6,511.78. There was one correction on the profit and loss statement with membership to read \$100. and Lincoln Day Dinner to be \$50.00 with the balance to be \$150.00 under the Income column from Jan 1 to February.3, 2012. Rosemarie DeLoof made a motion supported by Diane Stark to accept the corrected Treasurer's Report for the file. Motion carried.

Current Business:

Lansing kids trip w/Oceana and Lake counties: Lyla reports that the three buses are full. Mason County School children are from Mason County Center School.

Multi County Dinner: Hank reminded the committee that tickets are available for the February 18, 2012 dinner with the cheaper ticket deadline on February 9, 2012.

Lincoln Day Dinner: Lyla reports that the Lincoln Day committee of Hank and Joyce Wykretowicz, Rosemarie DeLoof and herself have had an initial meeting and have decided to have both live and silent auction items. Music will be available during the social hour and Rod and Jan Merrill have agreed to do the programs. Kris Struve and James Riffle are in charge of the auction table. There was a discussion on the forms to be used for both auction items and program ads. Corporate or LCC checks cannot be accepted, however a partnership or single business owner check is acceptable. Hank, Rosemarie and Lyla have agreed to draft a letter to be emailed to all of the Executive Committee Members with the goals and needs of the Lincoln Day Dinner proposal and also attach the forms to be used when seeking items for auction or patron ads.

Face book update: Brad Chandonnet will give a report at the next meeting.

New Business:

Candidate endorsements/support:

Chairman Hank has been receiving requests from candidates with requests for campaign chairs in Mason County. Next month we will have US Senate candidate Gary Glenn speak to us after our meeting. Hank will place a notice to the public in the Ludington Daily News as the public is always welcome at our meetings. There will be other candidates at the April and May luncheons as well.

Brain Storming:

Chairman Hank has a goal of growing membership. This topic will be addressed at our next meeting.

Open Discussion:

Chairman Hank reminded everyone to vote in the primary February 28, 2012. The Ludington Area Tea Party is hosting US Senate Candidate Chuck Marino at its monthly meeting February 9, 2012 from 6:30 to 8pm. Lyla reports that our GOP phone is being used reporting that a citizen who has an adopted Chinese daughter vented to her against the ad of Pete Hoekstra during the Super Ball. Juanita Pierman, Chairman of Oceana GOP has had several positive comments made to her on the ad. Susan Boes reports that the County Commissioners are working together on issues. James Riffle heard that Mark Brewer announced that the Democrats can participate in both the Republican primary and the Democratic Caucus.

Announcements:

Hank has received a letter from the Stearns Beach Accessible Walkway Committee thanking the Mason County GOP for their donation of \$74.00 for two boards in the Walkway. The White Tails Unlimited Dinner is on March 17 at the Lincoln Hills Golf Club.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:40pm.

Secretary

Rosemarie DeLoof
Executive Committee