

Minutes of the Mason County Republican Executive Committee meeting held on Wednesday January 11, 2012 at the Luciano Restorante located on at 103 W. Ludington Avenue, Ludington, Michigan beginning at 12:07pm.

Members present: Hank Wykretowicz, Stan D. Bennette, Diane K. Stark, Lyla M. McClelland, Paul B. McCrath, Kris Struve, Jim Bachelder, Brad Chandonnet, James M. Riffle, Carl W. Parker, Beth McMaster, Rosemarie A. DeLoof, Linda Koch and Charles W. Whiteside.

Members Excused: Joyce Wykretowicz, Rodney D. Merrill, Thomas J. Gangler, John F. Kreinbrink and Eugene J. Jorissen.

Unexcused Members: Ivan J. Anthony and Chris Spuller.

Others Present: Shane Reed and Jean Bachelder

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

Chairman Hank welcomed the guests and reported that Pastor Chandonnet has been chosen to lead the prayer at the State of the State Address in Lansing on January 18, 2012.

The minutes of the December 14, 2011 were approved as written.

Treasurer Paul McCrath presented the Treasure's Report with a balance of \$6,805.34 and this was approved by the members. The budget that was submitted at the December Executive Committee meeting and emailed to the members was discussed with Jim Riffle making a motion and seconded by Charles Whiteside to accept this budget. Motion carried.

Current Business:

Lansing kid's trip w/Oceana and Lake Counties: Lyla McClelland has a contact for the high school and the home schooled children and will report on this next month.

Multi County Dinner: The secretary Rosemarie DeLoof now has the tickets for this event on February 18, 2012 at the Grand Traverse Resort. Early bird tickets before February 11 are \$90, tickets purchased between February 12 and 17 are \$110 and tickets at the door are \$125.

Lincoln Day Dinner: Mason County Lincoln Day dinner has been scheduled for March 22, 2012. The U.S. Senatorial Candidates will be the featured speakers.

2012 Membership letter: Chairman Hank has the letter prepared and Kwik Print will again do the printing and mailing for us.

New Business:

2012 Election Headquarters Office: Executive Members need to start looking for office space and decided when to open it.

Open Discussion: Chairman Hank Wykretowicz reports that the U.S. Senatorial candidate's staffs are requesting time for meet and greet events in the county. Further discussion was tabled until after our Lincoln Day Dinner.

Ray Franz will be hosting a coffee hour in the district and we will be notified of the day time and place.

Senate Candidate Forum to be held at Central Michigan University Saturday January 14 from 1-3 and the public is invited.

Brain Storming Session: Lyla McClelland led a session asking for ideas from the committee asking us what do we want to do, what are our goals for this election year. Hank asks do we want to hold an evening meeting to increase attendance. Lyla asks do we need speakers at our meeting. Linda Koch suggested using social media to get our message out. Brad Chandonnet agreed to set up a face book account for us. It was agreed to do another brain storm session next month.

The next meeting will be on February 8, 2012 at noon.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm.

Secretary

Rosemarie DeLoof
Executive Committee