

Minutes of the Mason County Republican Executive Committee meeting held on Wednesday March 14, 2012 at the Luciano Ristotante located on 103 W. Ludington Avenue Ludington, Michigan beginning at 12:03pm.

Members present: Hank Wykretowicz, Paul B McCrath, Rosemarie A. DeLoof, Carl W. Parker, Susan Boes, Stanley D. Bennette, Lyla M. McClelland, Linda Koch, Kris Struve, James M. Riffle, Jim Bachelder and Charlie Whiteside.

Members excused: Joyce Wykretowicz, Rodney D. Merrill, John F. Kreinbrink, Eugene J. Jorissen, Thomas J. Gangler, Beth McMaster and Brad Chandonnet.

Unexcused Members: Ivan J. Anthony and Chris Spuller.

Guests: Gary Glenn and his son Brian,

Others Present: Jean Bachelder, Bill Dustman, Shawn Morrison, Carole Johnson and Chad Stewart.

The business meeting was called to order at 12:03pm by Chairman Hank Wykretowicz. The invocation was given by Jim Riffle followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the February 8, 2012 were approved as written.

Treasurer Paul McCrath presented the Treasure's report with a balance of \$9,055.83. Paul asked the board for approval of the total expenditure \$1200 for sponsoring a bus trip to Lansing for high school students at Mason County High School. The proposal was approved by the committee.

Current Business:

Rosemare DeLoof gave a report on the bus trip. 49 students along with three teachers and one parent went along on the trip. The students were able to meet Senator Hansen, Senator Booher, Representative Jon Bumstead, Representative Ray Franz, Attorney General Bill Schutte, Secretary of the State Ruth Johnson and Director of Workman's Comp Kevin Elsenheimer. The students were given a tour of the Capitol, the Hall of Justice and the Michigan Historical Museum.

Congressman Dan Benishek visited Ludington on March 13, 2012 at the House of Flavors to visit his new constituents. He took questions on concern for the Badger being shut down by the EPA, tax subsidies for alternative fuels which he is against. He is concerned about the over reach of the Federal Government as evidenced by the Badger.

Lincoln Day Dinner is next week on March 22, 2012 at the Lincoln Hills Golf Club. Lyla reports that she is keeping up on the reservations and items for our auction as well as the sponsors for our booklet.

Face book: Chairman Hank reports that face book is up and running and encourage members to visit the site.

New Business:

Precinct Delegates: Jim Riffle says precinct delegate forms need to be notarized and turned in by May 15, 2012.

MCGOP Web site: Chairman Wykretowicz reports that Microsoft is making changes and increasing their prices so we will be changing our site. Brad Chandonnet will facilitate that for us by the end of the month.

Open Discussion: Rosemarie brought up the suggestion that the MCGOP partner with the Ludington Area Teaparty to sponsor a booth at the West Michigan Fair in July. After some discussion the Committee agreed that it would be best to continue without a partnership to keep the lines clear between the two organizations. Lyla requested that we give a meal ticket to one of the students who went on the bus trip along with his parents to the Lincoln Day Dinner. The committee was in agreement with this request.

Guest Speaker Mr. Gary Glenn senatorial candidate: Mr. Glenn is President of the American Family Association, co-author of the Marriage Protection Amendment to the Michigan Constitution. Mr. Glenn sees a priority of repealing ObamaCare and replace it with Medical Savings Accounts. He would work to repeal all the regulations put in place by Mr. Obama. Mr. Glenn is in favor of having a National Right to Work law. He would approve of increased drilling in the United States, eliminate corporate taxes, decrease spending and he likes the Fair Tax concept.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:05pm.

Secretary

Rosemarie DeLoof
Executive Committee