

Minutes of the Mason County Republican Executive Committee meeting held on Wednesday December 14, 2011 at the Luciano Ristorante located at 103 W. Ludington Avenue, Ludington, Michigan beginning at 12:05pm.

Members present: Thomas J. Gangler, Stan D. Bennette, Lyla McClelland, Paul B. McCrath, Joyce Wykretowicz, Hank Wykretowicz, Rosemarie DeLoof, Eugene J. Jorissen, Linda Koch, Kris Struve, Susan K. Sniegowski and John F. Kreinbrink and Brad Chandonnet.

Members Excused: Rodney D. Merrill

Unexcused Members: Diane L. Stark, Charles W. Whiteside, Beth McMaster, Ivan J. Anthony, Jim Bachelder, Carl Parker and Chris Spuller,

Others present: Richard DeLoof, Carole Johnson and Randy Wrasse

The business meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by Chairman Hank Wykretowicz. The invocation was given by Brad Chandonnet followed and the pledge of allegiance was led by John F. Kreinbrink.

Chairman Hank Wykretowicz welcomed all guests including Richard DeLoof, Carole Johnson and Randy Wrasse.

The minutes of the November 9, 2011 were approved after a correction of adding Lyla McClelland to those members present.

Treasurer Paul McCrath presented the Treasurer's Report with a balance of \$6,966.97 and this was approved by the members. Paul presented a budget for 2012. This will be submitted to the Secretary and then sent via email to the executive committee for discussion at the January 11, 2012 meeting.

SOS Ruth Report: Carole Johnson read the report which was a summary of this year's work. Secretary of State Ruth Johnson said sweeping changes have been made in comprehensive election reform package designated to safeguard election integrity and streamline elections as part of our Secure and Fair Elections or SAFE initiative.

Current Business:

Recognition Award: This year the Michigan Republican Party reinstated a recognition award for an outstanding Republican in each county. Chairman Hank Wykretowicz submitted Lyla McClelland's name for this award. Lyla was presented with this for her unwavering commitment to promoting the Republican cause.

Stearn's Beach Board Walk: Susan S. Sniegowski made a motion that was seconded by Joyce Wykretowicz for Paul McCrath to write a check for the purchase of two bricks for the beach board walk. Motion carried.

Lansing kids trip w/Oceana and Lake Counties: Lyla McClelland agreed to contact area service clubs for donations for the \$1100 needed to sponsor middle and high school students for a bus trip to Lansing to visit their legislators and tour the Capitol. Linda Koch will contact all Mason County schools and present them with this opportunity and see if there is an interest in this. They will report back to the

executive committee for a final decision on sponsoring this trip.

Multi County Reagan Dinner: Susan Sniegowski reported on this event which will be on February 18, 2012 at the Grand Traverse Resort. The presidential candidates will be invited as well as the U.S. Senate candidates. We learned that the Traverse City Republicans will now be responsible for all the up front costs of this event. Tickets that are purchased prior to February 11, 2012 will be \$90.00, after that they will be \$110. Ticket Chairperson is Anna Mowser, she can be reached at 231- 946-3333 [or anna\\_mowser@yahoo.com](mailto:anna_mowser@yahoo.com)

New Business:

Lincoln Day Dinner: Lyla McClelland has contacted Katie at the Lincoln Hill Country Club and they will be open for dinners by mid-March. The goal is to have a date in place when the membership letters are posted in January 2012. The U.S. Senate candidates will be our featured speakers. Joyce Wykretowicz and Rosemarie DeLoof volunteered to serve on the Lincoln Day Committee.

Announcements:

Mike Huckabee is hosting an event for Senate candidate Gary Glenn at Birch Run on December 15 at noon.

Oceana Tea Party Patriots are sponsoring a forum for all the U.S. Senate candidates on January 4, 2012 at the Hart Historical Center.

The next meeting will be on January 11, 2012 with a brain storming sessions for ideas and goals for the next year.

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

Secretary

Rosemarie DeLoof  
Executive Commitmee