

Minutes of the Mason County Republican Executive Committee meeting held on Wednesday November 9, 2011 at the Luciano Restorante located at 103 W. Ludington Avenue, Ludington, Michigan beginning at 12:00 noon.

Members present: Thomas J. Gangler, Stan D. Bennette, Joyce Wykretowicz, Paul B. McCrath, Diane L. Stark, Kris Struve, Rosemarie A. DeLoof, Eugene J. Jorissen, Susan K. Sniegowski and John F. Kreinbrink.

Members Excused: Hank Wykretowicz, Rodney D. Merrill, Charles W. Whiteside and Beth McMaster.

Unexcused Members: Ivan J. Anthony, Jim Bachelder, Brad Chardonnet, Linda Koch, Carl Parker and Chris Spuller.

Others Present: Juanita Pierman, Bob Carr, Tom Allison and Carole Johnson.

The business meeting was called to order at 12:06 pm by Vice-Chairman Diane L. Stark. The invocation was given by Paul McCrath followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Diane L. Stark welcomed all guests including Oceana Republican Chairman Juanita Pierman, Bob Carr and Tom Allison.

Motion by Paul McCrath, supported by Joyce Wykretowicz, to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2011 meeting as prepared by Linda Koch for secretary Rosemarie DeLoof. Motion carried.

Treasurer Paul McCrath presented the Treasurer's Report with a balance of \$7,254.79. Motion by Rosemarie DeLoof supported by Stan Bennette to approve this report. Motion carried.

SOS Ruth Report – Carole Johnson read the report which included a comprehensive plan to help ensure integrity in Michigan's elections through stronger campaign finance laws, new policies and the expanded use of technology called the Secure and Fair Elections, or SAFE Initiative. Secretary Ruth Johnson unveils EspressoSOS an online service that will allow Michigan residents to conduct more business by computer.

Current Business:

Task force: Do we need one? After a brief discussion Lyla recommended a brain storm session with an easel and marker to be a part of the regular executive meeting to see if we are all in agreement with our goals or see if there are areas we could either add to or improve on. The secretary will put this notice on the next meeting reminder.

Stearns Beach Board Walk – A motion was made by Joyce Wykretowicz and seconded by Susan

Sniegowski that the first board we purchase have the inscription of Mason County Republican Party and the second board will have www.masoncountygop.org on it.

Sponsor trip of school children to Lansing with Oceana and Lake Counties – Juanita Pierman presented the group with pictures of past trips to the Capitol. The bus has a capacity for 55 persons and the date is March 13, 2012. The cost of the trip is around \$1100, the interest has always been positive and if we have a larger group a second bus could be hired. A breakfast break of juice and donuts is provided as well as a box lunch which is paid for by Senator Goeff Hansen and State Representative Jon Bumstead. We will have to contact the schools and area service groups asking for donations as this trip is free for the students and parents who accompany them. Lyla McClelland agreed to contact service clubs.

New Business:

Northern Michigan, Multi County Regan Day Dinner – The mission statement is “To create a venue to interact with candidates for the Republican nomination for President of the United States in Northern Michigan, prior to the Michigan Primary.” Ten to fifteen counties will be participating in this event. The upfront cost for the Dinner to each county is \$1000.00. The ticket price has been set at \$90.00 per ticket. There will be \$60.00 expenses in a ticket. If 500 people attend the event we will have a profit of \$500.00 Further discussion and decision was postponed until the December meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:56pm.

Rosemarie A. DeLoof
Secretary
Republican Executive Committee