

Minutes of the Mason County Republicans Executive Committee held on Wednesday September 14, 2011 at Luciano's Ristorante located at 103 W. Ludington, Ludington, MI. beginning at 12:05pm.

Members present: Henry Wykretowicz, Joyce Wykretowicz, Rosemarie DeLoof, Paul McCrath, Stan D. Bennette, Thomas J. Gangler, James M. Riffle, Diane L. Stark, Linda Koch, Carl W. Parker and Lyla M. McClelland.

Members Excused: Kris Struve, Chris Spuller, Rodney D. Merrill, Charlie Whiteside, John F. Kreinbrink, Gene Jorrisen and Brad Chardonnet.

Members Unexcused: Ivan J. Anthony, Jim Bachelder and Beth McMaster.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hank Wykretowicz. The invocation was given by Paul McCrath followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Hank Wykretowicz welcomed guests Sheriff Jeff Fiers, Carole Johnson, Shane Reed, Dick DeLoof and introduced Maria Gonzalez from Sen. Hansen's office.

The minutes of the last meeting in August were approved and accepted as written.

Treasurer Paul McCrath presented the Treasurer's report with a balance of \$7,974.19. A motion was made by Rosemarie DeLoof and seconded by Jim Riffle to approve this report. Motion carried.

Carole Johnson presented the SOS Ruth report. Of the 9 million vehicle registration transactions that are processed each year in Michigan, approximately 75% - more that 6.5 million transactions - are still handled in branch offices. Motorists can now renew vehicle license plates on line through their birthday. Some voters in large cities and in the military can now track their Absentee Ballot process on line.

Highway Clean up Chairperson Joyce Wykretowicz stated the dates of fall cleanup are September 24 through October 2, 2011. Clean up date of September 27 at 5:30 with the group meeting at PM Township Hall was chosen with a rain date of Thursday September 29.

Stan Bennette chairman of the Scottville Harvest Parade reports that we are in number 19 position. Line up time is 12:25 on Scott St. between first and third street. Chairman Hank has purchased the candy that is to be given to the parade onlookers. Representative Ray Franz has committed to marching in the parade with our group.

Lyla McClelland gave an update on the Fall Picnic. The picnic is free and is on Sunday September 18 from 1 to 3pm. Martha Sadler is catering this event. Diane Stark is arranging some word games for the children. Gary Glenn from Midland who is running for the U.S. Senate and our State Representative Ray Franz have committed to attending the picnic.

Chairman Hank reported that the Executive Committee has nominated Lyla McClelland as our Number One Republican for Mason County This award will be presented at the Mackinac Leadership

Conference later this month.

Maria Gonzalez from State Senator Geoff Hansen's office reports that a bill with a welfare cap of four years has passed. Today Governor Snyder introduced a Health and Wellness initiative. Maria will be attending the fall picnic and will give an update from Sen. Hansen's office.

Rosemarie DeLoof informed the committee of a Public Notice by the Mason County Commissioners in the Ludington Daily News informing the community of openings on twelve boards. County Clerk Jim Riffle will send the pertinent information to Chairman Hank who will then post this on our website. The deadline for applying these positions is October 3, 2011.

Chairman Hank Wykretowicz reminded the group of the reading of the Constitution at West Shore Community College on Monday September 19 at noon and encouraged members to attend. He also informed us that Friday September 16 is National POW - MIA Recognition Day.

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

Rosemarie DeLoof
Secretary
Republican Executive Committee