



# MONTCALM COUNTY REPUBLICANS

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## 2023-2024 Officers

Chair – Matt Murray

Vice Chair – Stephanie  
Rectenwal

Secretary – Lisa Coughlin

Treasurer – Judy Emmons

## 18 January 2024

The meeting of the Montcalm County Republicans was called to order by Chair Matt Murray 7:05 PM at Sidney Township Hall, Sidney, Michigan.

Invocation by Rhonda Bishop followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Roll call by sign in sheet:

Sharon Davis	Ann Marie Wubbeling	Steve Tanner
Michelle Jorgensen	Glenda Neuenschwander	Matt Murray
Kim Kuhn	Adam Petersen	Chuck Murphy
Dawn Sweet	David Boyer	Jerry Fennell
Shane Becher	Maxine (Mary) Nauta	Pat Outman
Kim Becher	Rhonda Bishop	Shannon Lowry
Joe Rykse	Steve Tugan	Barbara Prahll
Cindy Palmreuter	Stephanie Rectenwal	Sue DeVries

Motion by Stephanie Rectenwal to amend the agenda to move new business before Committee Reports, Pat Outman seconded. Motion passed.

**Vice Chair** - Stephanie Rectenwal - The recent events include state party division, actions of the State Committee, and the upcoming election of the state chair.

**Treasurer** - Judy Emmons - The Ring in the Red fundraiser brought in \$3,200 in income broken down by the following categories. \$30 t-shirt sale, \$385 silent auction, \$231 stocking game & sales, \$10 donation, and \$2,544 ticket sales. The food costs were \$2,090. The balance in Checking is \$7,712.23.

**President** - Matt Murray - He read a Mission Statement of our purpose.

**Secretary** - N/A

**Old Business:** No old business

**New Business:** There is a vacancy on the Montcalm County Executive Committee resulting from the resignation of Richelle Lentz.

Stephanie Rectenwal made a motion to nominate Jerry Fennel to fill the vacancy. Glenda seconded the motion.

Judy Emmons made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Jerry Fennel to be elected to fill the Executive Committee vacancy. Pat Outman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sharon Davis made a motion to set the local membership fees at Individuals - \$30, Family - \$50, Students - \$15. Steve Tanner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Stephanie Rectenwal read a proposed resolution to formally censure Kristina Karamo.

Jerry Fennell made a motion to table the resolution and show support for Stephanie. Judy Emmons seconded the motion.

Rhonda Bishop made a motion to postpone the resolution until February's agenda. Jerry Fennell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Bylaws, Budget, and Finance** - Rhonda Bishop spoke - She questioned, based on 5 Section 4A of the Bylaws, whether the officers were bonded. The answer was per Judy Emmons that all officers are bonded. Bylaws need to go on the Montcalm GOP website.

**Fundraising and Events** - Sharon Davis spoke - The events committee is planning the Lincoln Day Dinner. People are needed to sell ads for the brochure.

There is a potluck in March.

Smoke the Woke 2 will be in June or July.

This spring \$30 will allow a person to decorate a person's yard with flags and Trump signs. You've been Trumped!

**Membership and Recruitment/Training and Education** - Michelle Jorgensen spoke - Michelle resigned from the membership and recruitment committee.

On January 27th, there will be a District 2 training for county convention and district convention.

### **UPDATE FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Representative Pat Outman said to expect gridlock. Two democrats in the Legislature won Mayoral races. Seven or eight of the districts need to be redrawn. It will impact the Senate more than the House.

Register of Deeds Kim Kuhn said recording of deeds are down. The revenues are down in line with pre-covid times.

County Commissioner Adam Petersen answered questions about the concern that the majority of recycling goes to the landfill. He said that there is a contract with Republic and they take the recycling to a plant in Grand Rapids.

### **Member Comments:**

Dawn Sweet spoke about a legal means to bring decisions about wind and solar back to local control that was taken away by the state. There is a ballot initiative to overturn that decision.

Judy Emmons said that she had spoken with a Moolenaar representative, Daymon Jordan, who told her the CCP project is stalled.

Michelle Jorgensen commented that she is not picking teams or sides that she just wants to follow truth.

Matt adjourned at 9:00 PM with the approval of everyone.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maxine (Mary) Nauta  
for Lisa Coughlin, Secretary