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Building for the Future

2023-2024 Officers

Chair – Matt Murray

Vice Chair – Stephanie
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Secretary – Lisa Coughlin

Treasurer – Judy Emmons

16 November 2023

The meeting of the Montcalm County Republicans was called to order by Chair Matt Murray 7:04 PM at Sidney Township Hall, Sidney, Michigan.

Invocation by Anne Marie Wubbeling followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call by sign in sheet:

Michelle Jorgensen	Maxine (Mary) Nauta	Joe Rykse
Cindy Palmreuter	Jerry Fennell	Shannon Lowry
Rhonda Bishop	Shayne Becher	Kim Becher
Valerie Gates	Steve Tanner	Lisa Coughlin
Ann Marie Wubbeling	Barbara Prahl	Matt Murray
Stephanie Rectenwal	Sharon Davis	Bill Jaglowski
Denise Jaglowski	Judy Emmons	Herb Suttin
Bonnie Suttin	Glenda Neuenschwander	Dawn Sweet
Kim Croy		

Motion by Stephanie Rectenwal to approve the October 19, 2023, meeting minutes as presented, Rhonda Bishop seconded. Motion passed.

Motion by Stephanie Rectenwal to accept the November agenda as presented, Sharon Davis seconded. Motion passed.

REPORT FROM OFFICERS:

Treasurer – Judy Emmons - \$1183.00 brought in by “Smoke the Woke” event. \$7,293.23 is the current balance in the account.

Vice Chair – Stephanie Rectenwal – The state party has been quiet. The D2 “get ugly” party is planned for December 9, visit MIGOPD2.org or see Stephanie for a QR code for tickets. It will be located at the VFW in Belding 6:00 – 9:00 - \$50.00 a ticket. The D2 committee plans to financially support Republican candidates in areas where Democrats won by a small margin in the last election.

Michelle Jorgensen gave a further update on happenings within D2. They plan to pick up the training baton and offer classes locally on fund raising and taking care of financing. The D2 chairman Andy will show how to use our voter data to reach out to people in our area, and classes on the Constitution. Michelle, JD and another person will be teaching a class on Conventions and the Primary. February 27 will be Primary in Michigan.

President – Matt Murray – Committee are starting to see some help wane, wanting more volunteers for all committees, especially the Events Committee.

Secretary – N/A

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership and Recruitment/Training and Education – Michelle Jorgensen spoke – Kim Becher and Michelle met with Pastor Keith. You can watch clips online to learn more about the Black Robe Regiment to get inspired. More to come in this area.

Social Media and PR – Stephanie Rectenwal spoke – The new website is up and running. Looking forward to adding the dates of coming events.

Fundraising and Events – Sharon Davis spoke - Christmas party December 2nd, Ring in the Red at will be held at Timbers in Sheridan – There are sign-up sheets for dessert and silent auction items. Tickets are still available either from Sharon or the website. Items are needed for silent auction.

Lincoln Day Dinner – The date is April 25th, the committee is looking for a bigger venue. The goal of January and February is to get many ads sold for the Lincoln Day program.

Planning a date in June or July for hosting “Smoke the Woke 2.”

Special thanks to Amy McCall for printing the flyers, tickets, and the brochures for the Christmas Party.

Bylaws, Budget, and Finance – Steve Tanner spoke – the updated bylaws need to be put on the website.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: Richelle Lentz is resigning from the Executive Committee leaving an opening to fill.

An opening for a Precinct delegate is also available as Lianne Briggs is moving out of state.

Stephanie Rectenwal made a motion to nominate Cindy Palmreuter as Precinct delegate to replace Lianne Briggs representing Pierson Township, Glenda Neuenschwander seconded the motion.

Jerry Fennell made a motion to make the unanimous vote for Cindy Palmreuter to be elected as the Precinct Delegate for Pierson Township, Bill Jaglowski seconded the motion. Motion Passed, Cindy is now a Precinct Delegate for Pierson Township.

Michelle Jorgensen made a motion to accept Richelle Lentz’s recognition from the Executive Committee, Rhonda Bishop seconded. Motion Passed.

We now have an opening for the Executive Committee, if you, or someone you know would like to be nominated, they need to let the Executive Chair (Matt Murray) know before the end of the year. Matt will send an email with further information and a reminder to reach out if interested.

Rhonda Bishop made a motion to vacate the meeting in December, Mary Nauta seconded – Motion Passed.

UPDATE FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Judy Emmons read an update letter from John Moolenaar's office giving updates on what is happening in DC.

Member Comments:

Jerry Fennell made a comment concerning the Daily News.

Motion to adjourn by Stephanie Rectenwal, seconded by Mary Nauta - Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Coughlin, Secretary