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Building for the Future

2023-2024 Officers

Chair – Matt Murray

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Secretary – Lisa Coughlin

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19 October 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 Steve Tugan followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call by sign in sheet:

Michelle Jorgensen	Maxine (Mary) Nauta	Joe Rykse
Dave Boyer	Jerry Fennell	Ryan Flowers
Roger Humphrey	Shannon Lewry	Rhonda Bishop
Shayne Becher	Kim Becher	Valerie Gates
Steve Tanner	Steve Tugan	Lisa Coughlin
Ann Marie Wubbeling	Barbara Prahl	Matt Murray
Stephanie Rectenwal	Sharon Davis	Sue DeVries
Bill VanTil	Pat Outman	

Motion by Stephanie Rectenwal to approve the September 21, 2023, meeting minutes as presented, Steve Tanner seconded. Motion passed.

Motion by Stephanie Rectenwal to accept the agenda, Ryan Flowers seconded.
Motion passed.

REPORT FROM OFFICERS:

Treasurer – N/A

VP – Stephanie Rectenwal – Gave an update on the State GOP committee. D2 is still looking for transparency from the leadership of the state party. Stephanie added a motion looking for more detailed information from the leadership, especially around the budget, this is in circulation and whipping for a vote on 10/21. The State GOP is also having a meeting at Friske's Market on 10/21. Stephanie has intentions to resign from the state committee and is looking for someone from Montcalm County to replace her on D2.

President – Matt Murray – Calling on unity from our group in Montcalm. We are still going to do the right thing even in the midst of what is going on with the state party.

Secretary – N/A

Guest Speaker – Shane Trejo

Shane Trejo is the Executive Director - Grand New Party PAC, an organization that works to support strong conservative candidates within the Republican Party. He is a journalist with Big

League Politics and former 11th Congressional District Republican Committee chair. He has also worked with groups like Rescue Michigan, Campaign for Liberty, Lakes Area Tea Party, and many others across the state in his decade of grassroots Republican activism in the state of Michigan. We were glad he joined us for our meeting.

Stephanie Rectenwal made a motion to move up comments from elected officials in the agenda, Shane Becher seconded the motion – Motion Passed

UPDATE FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Pat Outman gave an update on what is going on in the Michigan House. An abortion bill is with the Health Policy Committee, it is an extremely radical bill, and they are having issues getting it out of committee. Energy policies are on the table banning fuels and attempting to transfer energy to wind and solar, in Michigan with our seasonal weather is a great liability. November 8th is Right for Life march in Lansing. A Bill recently passed that can hold drug companies responsible for injuries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership and Recruitment (Kim was the leader) Training and Education – Michelle Jorgensen spoke – the committee is working on PR training. The committee is also looking to see what current Precinct Delegates plan to run again in 2024. We need to have some new people run and they need to be willing to come to meetings and participate in activities, everyone should reach out to suggest good candidates. The Black Robe regiment is still on the table, the committee is having a tough time meeting with the pastor that is part of it and may be able to bring education to Montcalm County. Need more people on all committees to step up and help to make light work for everyone.

Social Media and PR – Ryan.

New Website is up and running. The PR committee will be working on ways to submit admissions for articles, and events in the County and District. Looking for articles and interviews. The goal is to have reoccurring articles to get people to come back and check the website often.

Fundraising and Events – Sharon Davis spoke.

December – Christmas party 12/2, Ring in the Red at Timbers – We will be having three candidates running for Senate speaking at the event. Tickets are \$40 for singles, \$75 for couples. The party will be from 6:00-10:00pm - cash bar.

Tickets are currently available either from Sharon or a couple of other sellers (paper ticket money needs to be turned in by the November meeting). Items are needed for silent auction.

Lincoln Day Dinner – is in 7 months, looking for a bigger venue, the date planned is 4/25/24. January and February the goal is to get lots of ads sold for the Lincoln Day program.

Bylaws, Budget, and Finance – Maxine (Mary) Nauta spoke, presenting a budget. The budget included actuals from January through October this year, with a projected budget for November and December. The budget also included a list of Income and Expenses. Stephanie Rectenwal made a motion to accept the budget as presented, Pat Outman seconded the motion - Motion Passed. Bylaws have been updated. They need to be signed and added to the website.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: No new business

Member Comments:

Stephanie Rectenwal – gave information on Tactical Civics – a meeting is scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday each month at Magnum Sports explaining Tactical Civics in more detail.

Motion to adjourn by Stephanie Rectenwal, seconded by Shane Becher - Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Coughlin, Secretary