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Building for the Future

2023-2024 Officers

Chair – Matt Murray

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Secretary – Lisa Coughlin

Treasurer – Judy Emmons

21 March 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 Ann Marie Wubbeling followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call by sign in sheet:

Sharon Davis	Ann Marie Wubbeling	Steve Tanner
Glenda Neuenschwander	Matt Murray	Kim Kuhn
Dawn Sweet	Valerie Gates	Maxine (Mary) Nauta
Pat Outman	Steve Tugan	Sue DeVries
Sheila Eldridge	Sue McGee	Lynn Cooper
Judy Emmons	Lisa Coughlin	

Motion to approve agenda by Pat Outman, 2nd by Steve Tanner – Motion Passed

Motion to approve agenda Judy Emmons, 2nd by Mary Nauta – Motion Passed

Vice Chair - Stephanie Rectenwal - N/A

Treasurer - Judy Emmons – Received \$1,216.75 in pledges. The current balance was \$9,470.13. Hired a bookkeeper to complete required reporting for Secretary of State – it is \$750.00 to pay for 3 years' worth reporting, remaining balance \$8,720.13.

President - Matt Murray – Tickets are on sale for LDD.

Secretary – N/A

Guest Speakers:

Karla from AxMITax - was unable to attend.

Caleb Lambrecht spoke, he works for Andrew Fink running for the Michigan Supreme Court. Andrew published an article for the Detroit News on Lincoln for Presidents Day. Andrew admires Lincoln for his honor to the Constitution. State Rep for the Hillsdale area now. He is seeking the nomination at the Republican Convention in August.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: The Lincoln Day Dinner is being held on April 25 at Candlestone in Belding 6:00-9:00. Everyone should take a pack of five tickets to sell, Silent Auction items are also needed.

Smoke the Woke – August 3rd starting at noon.

Shannon Lowrey will be taking care of the food.

Two inflatables \$390.00

Dunk Tank \$100.00

Food – the committee is asking for donations; the pork was donated.

The remaining T-shirts are for sale for \$15.00.

Steve Tanner made a motion to fund Smoke the Woke, the motion was for a budget (not to exceed \$600.00), Pat Outman 2nd the motion – Motion Passed

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bylaws, Budget, and Finance Steve Tanner spoke – The bylaws have been added to the Website. Committees should submit their spending budgets **prior to the April meeting**. The budget for 2024 needs to be completed and approved.

Fundraising and Events – Discussed in New Business

Membership and Recruitment/Training and Education – N/A this meeting.

UPDATE FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Judy gave an update from Moolenaar office; she discussed the State of the Union address. John will be supporting Trump for President. Gotion has made a partnership with VW partnership. Congress is urging them to make the break with the Chinese company.

Kim Kuhn – Register of Deeds – filled to run for election for another term and would appreciate all support.

Matt Murray announced all PD, if you are running again you need to turn in your paperwork to the clerk **by May 7th**. On Saturday, April 13th there is a PD training that will be given by Michelle Jorgenson and Kim Croy. This training will be held at the Greenville Library (Stafford Room) from 9:30 – noon. If you know of someone thinking of running for PD, please encourage them to attend. This event is free of charge, and you can have your paperwork completed and notarized.

Pat Outman gave an update. Gridlock currently in the house is set to expire with special elections in heavily Democratic areas in April. Trying to flip the house to Republican this fall. All hands-on deck in close districts. Ballot is being circulated to get on the fall ballot a chance to bring the energy control back to local control. If it gets on the ballot, it will be a hard press to educate people on this issue.

Member Comments: N/A

Matt adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM with the approval of everyone.

Submitted by,
Lisa Coughlin, Secretary