

# Tuscola County Republican Party Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/25/2024

178 Park Dr, Caro, MI 48723

Called to order at 6:41 pm by Billy Putman.

Members present: Alice Verbeek, Bonnie Fackler, Danny Bauer, Darcy Guello, Dennis Catlin, Isaac White, Janelle Goodell, Jeffrey Fackler, Laura Boyke-Hawes, Nancy Laskowski, Robert Reinbold, Shirley Schaefer, Tom McGough, Wendy Houthoofd, William Schaefer, Douglas Lagos, David Richey, Billy Putman, (*Addition: Bernard Lossing, Laurie Lossing*)

Others Present: Sarah Brunet, Jennifer Putman, Bunny Porter, Dennis Porter, Dennis Richey, Jean Richey, Richard Nellett, A Nellett, Cole Wood, Ralph Rebandt, Joanna Samuelson

Ralph Rebandt said the prayer.

Doug Lagos led the Pledge.

Dave Richey & Jeff Fackler:

Names on the master list were used to make the names on the name tags.

44 total members were present.

18 were there to make a quorum.

Quorum needs to be defined and agreed upon.

A quorum is needed at every meeting now in order for it to be valid and votes to occur.

In order to assist with doing this, the officers were each to bring someone from the TCRP to a meeting being held Saturday, January 27, 2024 to go over by-laws.

Jeff Fackler made the suggestion that once the group arrives at the proposed by-laws, they be emailed to all members in order to review them before the February meeting where they will then be voted on.

It was agreed upon that committee chairs are automatically quorum members.

Much discussion was had about the names on the Executive Committee Members sheet that was presented that evening. It was agreed to use that list which was made up from the current by-laws.

Ralph Rebandt spoke on why he is running for National Committeeman.

The agenda was approved with the addition of Ralph Rebandt speaking and Joann Samuelson speaking.

Motion by Shirley Schaeffer and 2nd by Laura Boyke Approved by all 18 members.

Treasurer Report - Nancy

\$346 and change

\$294 and change

\$640 and change in both accounts.

There was previously a check approved for \$90 for LDD brochures but that had not been cut yet.

Both bank accounts are now linked together online.

Anecdote is ready to go. The best use for it would be the web site. Other than that, it would be to share a QR code for it.

Motion to accept Treasurers Report by Darcy Guello

2nd by Janelle Goodall

Approved

Nancy is also getting petitions for Citizens for Local Choice. Petitions are being worked on due to language changes.

Looking for someone to be at each voting precinct at a table 100 feet from the building in order to assist with signatures on the petitions. 550,000 signatures needed.

Chairman Report - Billy

Starting a newsletter: Info about anything affecting us in the state, county or townships. Anyone interested in writing something, please let Billy know. It will be distributed throughout Tuscola County in bulk mailings.

Home school - Trying to pass regulations that home school children need to be registered with the state.

Caro library - Caro school students were given library cards even if their parents opted out of them receiving one. 2 school board members are married to 2 library board members.

Red Flag Laws & MAGA watch list were discussed.

LDD - Ralph Rebandt and Bernadette Smith are confirmed to speak. Asking for silent auction items. 3 guns are donated Tickets are \$44 for one or \$80 a couple. March 23, 2024 at Beagio's. Contact Barb Putman 989-325-0080 or Jennifer Putman 989-325-1829 with donations or ticket sales.

No Vice Chair report

No RTL update

No Axe The Tax update

New Business:

Dues - \$20 per person Dues are due in January, this will be put into the new by-laws. Nancy will collect name, address, occupation, etc. as needed for reporting purposes.

Bernard Lossing motioned for the \$20 dues, Darcy Guello 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved by quorum.

Michael Clinesmith is doing the financial audit in March. More info at Feb meeting for this.

We would like a budget put together for 2024.

Events like Pumpkin Fest, LDD, other dinners, etc.

A bulk mailer right now is \$0.19 so for the voters in Tuscola County it would be \$2200 to send anything to them. This would total \$18,000 for the year with events and mailers.

Would like to do a general primary mailer. We will vote on candidates and mailers when it gets closer to each item.

Dave Richy is to be given candidates that you want vetted and start utilizing the report card committee.

Jeff Fackler wants the report card committee to produce a template. Then someone to volunteer to "watch" each candidate and return their report card for that candidate to the committee.

Dave Richey envisioned sending survey to everyone who wants to participate. They then turn it in, and it generates results as they come in. Wants it to be automated and not just an opinion. Looking for help on this as well as what it should say.

Website - Darcy

Hoping to have it up and running to show in February. Would like to tie Anecdote to it. Any information anyone wants on it, please send to Darcy. Her email is:

[tcgop.website@outlook.com](mailto:tcgop.website@outlook.com)

Joanna Samuelson - Public schools are doing more and more to have control over our kids. She is going to see if she can find an affidavit to share that states the parent will keep the control of the student.

Tactical Civics and Militia - Class starts February 1, 2024. Being taught by Dar Leaf. Zoom class. \$20 for class.

Cole for Lisa McClain - Special Inspector General - They are accounting for every cent sent to Ukraine and what it was spent on.

Department of Defense agencies UFO information is supposed to be released 6 months from January 9.

National Defense Auth Act passed 5.2% increase for service members, national guard going to the border, Lisa is pushing hard for border patrol and not letting illegals in the country.

The May 2024 meeting date was changed as Beagio's was not available. It will now be May 16, 2024.

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Putman and Michael Clinesmith.

The next meeting date will be Thursday, February 22, 2024, 6:30 pm at Brentwood, 178 Park Dr, Caro, MI 48723.