

Tuscola County Republican Party Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 2/22/2024

178 Park Dr, Caro, MI 48723

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

Members present: Alice Verbeek, Bernard Lossing, Billy Putman, Bonnie Fackler, Darcy Guello, Isaac White, Janelle Goodell, Jeffrey Fackler, Laura Boyke-Hawes, Laurie Lossing, Marlene Reinbold, Michael Clinesmith, Nancy Laskowski, Robert Reinbold, Terry Houthoofd, Tom McGough, Wendy Houthoofd, Barbara Putman, Douglas Lagos, Blake Putman, Brandon Putman, Jennifer Putman,

Others present: Andrew Perez, Paul Richey, Roselyn Perez, Joanna Samuelson, Kacie Putman, William Putman, Dennis Richey, Jean Richey, Bobbie Sapiano-Hopkin, Richard Reilman

A prayer was led by Abby Putman.
Dennis Porter led the Pledge.

Paul David Richey stated there was a quorum.

Presentations:

Hima Kolanagireddy introduced herself and explained her plan as she is running for National Committeewoman. Her web site is hima4RNC.com

Caleb presented for Andrew Fink who is running for the Michigan Supreme Court. A video was presented.

Bill Putman II introduced Hugh Woodrow who is running for the circuit judge position in Tuscola County.

Motion by Laurie Lossing, seconded by Nancy Laskowski to approve the agenda as amended.
Motion carried.

Secretary Report:

Minutes:

Bernard and Laurie Lossing are to be included as members in the minutes.

Motion by Jeff Fackler, seconded by Jennifer Putman to approve the January 25, 2024, minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Nancy Laskowski discussed the Anedot setup. The budget is still being worked on. Online banking was being set up.

Motion by Doug Lagos, seconded by Blake Putman to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Chairman's Report:

Billy Putman discussed taking local zoning control back through a petition. Unpaid volunteers are wanted by the State of Michigan to host refugees. People were urged to remain vigilant. There were mentions of studying repealing the property tax, the Lincoln Day Dinner, Axe MI Tax and contacting Right to Life.

Discussion and Approval of Bylaws:

Motion by Janelle Goodell, seconded by Marlene Reinbold to adopt the Tuscola County Republican Party By-Laws 2024. Motion carried.

15 counties have requested a copy of our by-laws. The by-laws are attached.

Reports:

Finance Committee: No Report

Events Committee:

Flyers were prepared, and donations are coming in. Contact Barbara Putman regarding items for the silent auction. The cost is \$44 for a single person, and \$80 for a couple.

Membership Committee: No Report

Report Card Committee: No Report

District 9: There is division with the committee.

Elected Officials: None

Member Comments:

Billy Putman mentioned he was interviewed by the 9th District Committee.

Joanna Samuelson mentioned We the County, and communication without cell phones.

Isaac White asked about emails for the convention. Billy Putman stated that information would be sent to Michael Clinesmith to send out.

Janelle Goodell thanked the committee for its work on the by-laws.

Jeff Fackler mentioned that with the report card committee, 3 candidates were here, and suggested to work on getting information on what people stand for.

Brandon Putman mentioned Ecclesiastes 10:2: "The heart of the wise inclines to the right, but the heart of the fool to the left."

Blake Putman states he sees 100-150 people a day. He expressed importance at keeping Christ first, and family second, to help neighbors and communicate with one another.

Nancy Laskowski suggested to join We the County. There will be a discussion on Michigan Energy Policy and what we are paying on our electric bills.

Michael Clinesmith mentioned that elections are coming up and to look into recruiting precinct delegates.

Billy Putman stated that we need candidates to run for office.

Andrew Perez mentioned that every person can make a difference.

Nancy Laskowski thanked local clerks for their work on early voting.

Motion by Darcy Guello, seconded by Alice Verbeek to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Putman and Michael Clinesmith.

The next meeting date will be Thursday, March 28, 2024, 6:30 pm at Brentwood, 178 Park Dr, Caro, MI 48723.