

# Tuscola County Republican Party Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/28/2024

178 Park Dr, Caro, MI 48723

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm by Billy Putman.

Members present: Alice Verbeek, Bernard Lossing, Billy Putman, Bonnie Fackler, Darcy Guello, Isaac White, Jeffrey Fackler, Laura Boyke-Hawes, Laurie Lossing, Michael Clinesmith, Nancy Laskowski, Robert Reinbold, Shirley Schaefer, Tom McGough, William Schaefer, Barbara Putman, Douglas Lagos

Others present: Henry Wymore, Jack Campbell, Marlene Reinbold, Roy Harris, Blake Putman, Kacie Putman, Richard Reilman, William Putman II, Paul David Richey, Joanna Samuelson, Jack Wagner, Cole Wood

A prayer was led by William Putman II.  
Brandon Putman led the Pledge.

Amanda would be available as a notary.

Motion by Nancy Laskowski, seconded by Doug Lagos to approve the March 28, 2024 agenda.  
Motion carried.

## Secretary Report:

Minutes:

Motion by Nancy Laskowski, seconded by Bernard Lossing to approve the February 22, 2024 minutes with the correction of showing which members where present, and the others who were present.

Motion by Doug Lagos, seconded by Barbara Putman to call the question. Motion carried by 2/3 vote.

Vote on the initial motion to approve the February 22, 2024 minutes with the correction of showing which members where present, and the others who were present. Motion carried.

## Treasurer's Report:

Nancy Laskowski stated the EIN number has been released by the IRS. Anedot fee structure is 4% plus \$.30. Nancy will look into the question on fees. She thanked people for the events. The Putman kids talked about the tumblers they designed and sold. She thanked the Korean vet being present at the event.

Nancy would like to order secure checks.

Motion by Shirley Schaefer, seconded by Isaac White that Nancy Laskowski can order security checks for the Tuscola County GOP for up to \$70. Motion carried.

There was a suggestion on having debit cards, but discussion was postponed.

Nancy mentioned that dues need to be paid according to the calendar year. They are \$20.

There was \$14,076 raised by the Lincoln Day event between the tickets for the meal and silent auction, and \$8859 in bills for the meal. The Putmans provided in-kind donations of seed money, dessert and flowers. Paul and Darcy picked up programs.

Presentation: Jack Wagner from Michigan Justice Advocacy – Prison Reform

Jack Wagner presented information regarding Prison Reform, with allowing prisoners being allowed to reduce the time they have to spend in prison through good behavior, going over the differences between “good time” and “truth in sentencing”. There was some discussion and questions asked regarding the proposal.

Shirley Schaefer – Serving Notice:

Shirley discussed notices regarding elected officials fulfilling their responsibilities defending against illegal immigration. She is requesting that people sign the notices to be sent to federal, state and local officials.

Chairman's Report:

Billy Putman mentioned that illegal immigrants are now being given the rights to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment and voting. The State is now paying people \$500 to house illegal immigrants. He also expressed concerns with the State creating a home school registry.

Treasurer's Report Part 2:

Nancy Laskowski noted that the Lincoln Day dinner netted \$5,217. Dinner was bought for the Henry family who played music, and they were listed in the program.

The State fund currently has \$5,361.93. and the Administrative account has \$294.

Motion by Alice Verbeek, seconded by Billy Putman to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Local Control Initiative:

Nancy Laskowski provided an update on the state of the petition.

Reports:

Cole Wood representing Lisa McClain gave an update, he is reading through the 50-page summary of the appropriations bill, and mentioned the border, red flag laws, TikTok and the fantastic Lincoln Day Dinner.

Member Comments:

Michael Clinesmith mentioned the need to get a campaign headquarters.

Joanna Samuelson worked in juvenile justice and a problem is no families. You can change the direction of the country, but you need to know the process.

Quorum Adjustment:

There was some confusion about people paying their dues at the meeting, which people had paid.

Motion by Laurie Lossing, seconded by Billy Putman to confirm and vote on the list as the first agenda item at the next meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by William Schaefer, seconded by Billy Putman to adjourn. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Minutes prepared by Michael Clinesmith.

The next meeting date will be Thursday, April 25, 2024, 6:30 pm at Brentwood, 178 Park Dr, Caro, MI 48723.