

# Tuscola County Republican Party Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 6/24/2024

178 Park Dr, Caro, MI 48723

Meeting called to order at 6:43 pm by Billy Putman.

Members present: Laura Boyke-Hawes, Dennis Catlin, Michael Clinesmith, Bonnie Fackler, Jeffrey Fackler, Janelle Goodell, Darcy Guello, Terry Houthoofd, Erika Kekovich, Nancy Laskowski, Roselyn Perez, Bunny Porter, Dennis Porter, Barbara Putman, Billy Putman III, Blake Putman, Brandon Putman, Jennifer Putman, Kacie Putman, Megan Putman, Elizabeth Reilman, Sunny Richards, Dennis Richey, Jean Richey, Paul Richey, Suzy Rockwell, Marsha Rush, Randy Rush, Joanna Samuelson, Bobbie Sapiano-Hopkins, Shirley Schaefer, William Schaefer, Susan Smith, Timothy Warack, Isaac White.

A prayer was led by Addison Putman.

The Pledge was led by Elizabeth Reilman.

Billy Putman welcomed the committee.

## Approval of June 24, 2024 agenda:

Motion by Elizabeth Reilman, seconded by Dennis Porter to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

## Secretary Report:

### Minutes:

Motion by Nancy Laskowski, seconded by Elizabeth Reilman to approve the May 16, 2024 minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

## Treasurer Report:

Nancy Laskowski went through her report.

The state account has \$5,817.95 and the administrative account has \$294.00 for total assets on hand of \$6,111.95. \$240 is obligated.

Nancy is working on the audit. She mentioned having donation forms. The fair booth is reserved. The Party can't do a raffle. There was discussion about popcorn/snocones/candy/popsicles for the fair. Nancy Laskowski mentioned that new member and in-kind donation forms are available. A campaign budget should be approved.

Motion by Janelle Goodall, seconded by Roselyn Perez to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Nancy also mentioned that the Citizens did not collect enough signatures for the zoning petitions. They have 180 days and may need to reset the collection. There could be people taken to court in the meantime.

Chairman's Report:

Billy Putman is continuing to meet with township officials and encouraging them to review their township zoning fees and to keep local control. He warned about red flag laws used to take away people's guns, and about democrats expanding abortion laws.

Old Active Business:

Vice Chair Appointment:

No action was taken

Campaign Headquarters:

Billy Putman mentioned there is space next to the pharmacy at the Putman facility.

Budget:

No action was taken

New Business:

Caro Fair:

There was discussion about purchasing ice pops. 200 can be bought for \$10, with the suggestion of buying 25 boxes. Also having some candy for the kids. The fair will be open Sunday, July 21 to Saturday, July 27. Sunday and Monday are free admission. People will be asked to help for 2-hour increments. Two passes come with the booth and two more will be purchased, so 2 teams can assist with the booth.

Motion by Nancy Laskowski, seconded by Elizabeth Reilman to reimburse for fair expenses for ice-pops and candy up to \$500. Motion carried.

It was suggested to drop the ice pops off at Blake's office.

A proxy form should be approved in July.

Quorum Adjustment:

David Richey suggested that the adjustment should be at the end of the quarter, and he will bring the list in July. People can be removed for missing 3 meetings in a row. Dues are due at the beginning of the year.

Reports:

Jeremey ? is the tri-county captain for the McClain campaign and had some campaign signs available. Tamera Feldhouse is the regional field director for the Trump campaign. She is looking for volunteers.

Member Comments:

Jeff Fackler asked about the timing of the next July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting being during the fair.

There was discussion to move the July meeting to July 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm, and the August meeting to August 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30pm.

Jeff Fackler continued discussion about having membership packets for the membership committee, he will try to bring it to the next meeting. It would be good to have a welcome letter from the chair. Nancy Laskowski offered to donate printing for the packets. He would wish to have them ready for the fair.

Darcy Guello stated the GOP needs a newsletter for the whole county.

Terry Houthoofd has concerns with the direction of the country. We need to focus on what we can do to work together.

Janelle Goodell discussed endorsing candidates, suggesting inviting them to the next meeting to make their case. Nancy Laskowski mentioned that the committee could endorse, but not finance the campaigns.

Joanna Samuelson discussed letters to the editor, and the importance of a constitutional sheriff.

Izzy Putman mentioned the July 6<sup>th</sup> parade in Cass City.

Tamera Feldhouse mentioned the June 27<sup>th</sup> Trump-Biden debate.

Motion by Jeff Fackler, seconded by Alice Verbeek to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Minutes prepared by Michael Clinesmith.

The next meeting date will be Wednesday, June 17, 2024, 6:30 pm at Brentwood, 178 Park Dr, Caro, MI 48723.