



General Meeting Minutes

SOUPer Bowl – Gideon Christ Community Church February 9, 2023

Call to Order

- a. Chairman Curt Tucker called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- b. Chairman Curt Tucker opened with welcoming everyone and made an introduction to Pastor Chet Atkins. Pastor Chet Atkins spoke on behalf of doing things right.
- c. Chairman Tucker thanked everyone for providing food and refreshments and a special thank you to Suzanne Hall.
- d. Break for soups and refreshments.
- e. Approximately 57 in attendance.

Invocation

Duane Riha

Announcement of Guest Speakers

1. Mike Curtiss announced the Guest Speakers.
 - a. MIGOP Chair Kristina Karamo candidate
 - b. Malinda Pego for MIGOP Co-Chair candidate
 - c. Chuck Murphy for Grassroots Vice Chairman candidate
 - d. Bernadette Smith for Ethics Vice Chairman candidate
 - e. Curtis Clark for Outreach Vice Chairman candidate
 - f. Rylee Linting for MIGOP Youth Chairman candidate
 - g. Kristina's contact is kristina@karamopego.com

Kristina Karamo/Malinda Pego:

1. Corruption in the State.
2. Elections have been privatized.
3. A strong party that will fight for our people.
4. A party that we can trust.
5. Grow our party by effective communication.
6. Show people that we care.
7. Show up to communities and relate to the people.

Chuck Murphy:

1. There are 5,000 new precinct delegates this year.
2. We fell short on bringing out the vote.
3. Be active with early voting. Open voting starts 9 days before election.

4. Build the parties back up.

Bernadette Smith:

1. Brings unity and education to people.
2. We need to do the right thing.
3. She brings her faith to the table.
4. When you stand in the light the darkness must leave.
5. Must understand who we are.
6. Do not shrink in fear but rise in Faith.
7. Communicate and activate people.
8. Bernadette can be reached at: bernadettesmith.net

Curtis Clark:

1. Unable to make speaking event.
2. Mike Curtiss read the introduction of Curtis Clark.

Rylee Linting:

1. Always be a part of the solution.
2. Focus on issues at hand.
3. Has a plan for funding and interaction with youth.
4. Wants to learn the shortfalls and successes.
5. Targeted on relationships and small donations.

Chairman Tucker asked for an applause to thank our guest speakers for their time as well as speaking at our event.

Membership Business Meeting

Call to Order

1. Chairman Tucker called the general meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.
2. We will follow the agenda and timeline assigned.
3. If you are called “Out of Order” 3 times, the Sargent of Arms and/or police will lead you out of the building.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Chairman Tucker.

Chairman Tucker introduced:

- a. Vice-Chairman, Gary Ell
- b. Treasurer, Eric Gladwish
- c. Secretaries, Korina Tucker and Austin Smith
 1. Committee updates will be held at a later meeting.
 2. Consideration to Agenda.
 3. Consideration to Minutes.

Treasurer’s Report

- a. Eric Gladwish stated the report was sent out to all delegates.
- b. We are still waiting for information to set up a bank account.
- c. Information is at the IRS, and we are still waiting.
- d. Dues are collected at each meeting.
- e. Membership fees are \$35.00 per member/\$15.00 per youth member.
- f. Question #1 – If an audit was conducted.

- g. Answer #1 – It is not something that can be discussed at this time.
- h. Question #2 – If Eric Gladwish is submitting paperwork to the State or updating.
- i. Answer #2 – It should only be updated.
- j. Eric Gladwish clarified the term being used, “missing funds”, and clarified that they are not missing that they are not reported.
- k. Eric Gladwish stated that he submitted an update 3 times.
 - 1. He contacted the Bureau of Elections today advising them that the previous person is purposely letting the 72-hour acknowledgement expire.
 - 2. Eric Gladwish stated to the Bureau of Elections that they are going to have to step in and correct this ongoing issue.

Chairman Tucker stated we were all elected to this board, at which time, is a complete mess by previous board members. Chairman Tucker stated his promise to Saginaw County is that the next group to take over will have a smooth transition. We have proper books, bylaws, and we are going to stick to this promise.

New Business

- a. Bylaws
 - 1. Jim Conger, Chairman of bylaws gave an update.
 - 2. Chairman Tucker and Vice Chairman Gary Ell are also on the bylaws team.
 - 3. Countless hours have been spent going over the old bylaws.
 - 4. The update consisted of reviewing other counties bylaws, even the Saginaw Democratic Party bylaws.
 - 5. Bylaws were just finished today as of February 9, 2023.
 - 6. Bylaws will be voted on March 2, 2023.
 - 7. Bylaws will go out to every delegate by March 9, 2023.
 - 8. Jim Conger stated that any questions and comments go to Vice Chairman Gary Ell or I.
 - 9. Question #1 – William Wilkey asked if we are following the required 30 days for changes to bylaws.
 - 10. Answer #1 – Vice Chairman Gary Ell stated the first draft came out February 1, 2023. Gary Ell stated the draft today was a few additions and the changing of color from blue text (recommended to be added) to black (the old language).
- b. Bylaws final discussions (Executive Committee) and vote planned for March 2, 2023.
- c. Bylaws will be sent to every delegate once voted on and approved by the Executive Committee within 48 hours after the meeting of approval.

Good of the Order

- a. Vice Chairman Gary Ell announced on March 9th a Town Hall Meeting at the Gideon Christ Community Church, 915 Federal Ave, Saginaw, MI.
- b. Chairman-Curt Tucker, Vice Chairman-Gary Ell, Treasurer-Eric Gladwish, Parliamentarian-Jim Conger will be responders for a full meeting dedicated to answering delegate questions. Any questions relating to the Saginaw County Republican Party; past, present and future.
- c. There will be rules involved.
- d. No more than 3 questions per person.
- e. Encourage individuals that are not attending our meetings, due to misinformation, to please join us.
- f. Karen Potter the Social Media Committee Chair will moderate the SCRП Town Hall Event.

Update on Website

- a. Eric Kowalewski has been working with Karen Potter.
- b. Karen Potter is the piece of the marketing side.
- c. Eric Kowalewski is more the development side.
- d. Karen Potter has started a Facebook page and wants everyone informed.
- e. Eric Kowalewski stated his goal is to get delegate recruitment.
 1. There are 907 open seats right now and wants to fill them all.
 2. We want positive things to fill the air.
 3. We want to leave the next group with honor and integrity.
 4. If you see a Trump sign or a Trump flag, make sure to send the address or names to me Eric Kowalewski at: eric@kowalewski.com.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

1. Vice Chairman Gary Ell stated that the American First that built 150 new delegates to Saginaw and 300 delegates to the area, the page has been hijacked.
2. Someone is trying to make it look like a t-shirt sales website.
3. SCRP logo and site has been copied.
4. This is no way affiliated with this Saginaw County Republican Party.
5. We will take the necessary legal means to change their names. They are not representative of us.
6. Further investigation into this with our Attorney necessary, will lead to possible further prosecution.

Chairman Tucker shared that there is a donation box for Pastor Chet which is for the church only.

Adjournment - Chairman Tucker may adjourn the meeting at any time the agenda items have been completed and/or the time allotted. Adjourned at 8:27p.m.

Closing Prayer – Eric Kowalewski