



Membership Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2023

Meeting Start time: 6:46 pm

Call to Order by Chair – Curt Tucker opened with welcoming everyone and made an introduction to Pastor Atkins.

Invocation & Greeting – Pastor Chet Atkins

Pledge of Allegiance – Kerry King

Chair: Building on our Foundation of Republican Platform introduction

Our message to every American is to promote election integrity, economic prosperity, preserving American values and traditions, as well as America's greatness for our children and grandchildren.

Approval of Agenda: Gary Ell made motion to approve agenda. Motion carried.

Introduction of Executive Committee – Chair Tucker asked each Executive Committee member to stand to be recognized for roll call.

Korina – role call of Executive Committee members

Members present:	Curt Tucker	Gary Ell	Eric Gladwish
	Austin Smith	Korina Tucker	Martha Avina
	Jim Conger	Mike Curtiss	Debra Ell
	Brian Forbes	Suzanne Hall	Kerry King
	Lynne Norman	Colleen Ribble,	Duane Riha
	Kathy Riha	Carol Storch	Kathleen Vasold
	Warren Vasold	Eric Kowalewski	

Members absent: Dave Couture, Jim Flint

Goals for 2023-24: Promote sound Republican Candidates/Presidential Election

Special Orders of Business

Officers Reports: Chair Tucker introduces VC Gary Ell and Treasurer Eric Gladwish, each gave a report

Eric Gladwish informed the committee of the treasury update. He is still waiting for the majority of the required financial documents. The only thing received was documents from 2022 and a few documents from 2021. Documents are incomplete and missing records from 11/01/22 to year end. A year end treasurer report is required. Also, the State requirement is that the Treasurer must keep five (5) years financial records.

There was a \$280.00 balance left from the prior committee which has not been received. Our current committee has a negative balance of \$-657.00. On November 1st there was a balance of \$5,075.00 in the Administrative Account. Also, a balance of \$6,770.00 in the Election Fund Account, which can only be used for election related expenses. Currently there is no ledger of these expenditures. As of this meeting no funds have been transferred. We are expecting reports for these expenditures.

There was a check written to Spencer's for \$1000 for a deposit for a Christmas party by the previous committee members. All delegates were not invited. A note stated that the bill was for 42 guests and approximately \$1500 for this event. This party was flaunted on Facebook and the newly elected EC did not authorize this event. A \$1,000.00 check was written on 11/26/2022 and the new leadership took over on 11/28/2022. These transactions were not authorized by the new EC. The transaction of \$1,000.00 should have been canceled and refunded.

County bylaws state any expenditure over \$300.00 must be approved by the EC. Previous leadership made a motion and approved to allow the Chair the ability to spend any remaining funds. This is an amendment to the bylaws and must accompany a 30 day notice.

This is the current status of the treasury report.

Jim Conger stated that the previous treasurer Janet Stoney's duties remain until her term ends which is the end of the year for accountability. Janet Stoney hired an attorney and all correspondence must go through her attorney.

Chair Tucker explained it has only been 12 days and things are moving forward.

VC Gary Ell updated the committee that he had no current report and that the committees are being formed and put together.

William Wilkey, Suzanne Hall and Dan VanSumeren had concerns regarding accountability of the prior committee and us moving forward. This is currently being looked into.

Membership Dues – \$35 per person a year/\$15 college student

Membership Committees:

FINANCE/AUDIT – Limited to EC initially

MEMBERSHIP/DELEGATE SUPPORT

PRAYER/CARE TEAM

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – Colleen Ribble, Connie Weil

EVENTS/HOSPITALITY – Wally Ribble

FUNDRAISING/CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP – Gary Ell

COMMUNICATIONS – Debra Ell, Karen Potter

CANDIDATE/DELEGATE RECRUITMENT/SUPPORT

LEGISLATIVE REPORTING

YOUTH OUTREACH – Tyler Watt

BYLAWS – Jim Conger

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE – Searching for new office NOW

Debra and Gary are working on filling these committees. These committees will be formed with one (1) EC member as Chair and one (1) delegate as Co- Chair.

Connie Weil, Colleen Ribble, Martha Avina – Plans of outreach to the community

Connie Weil stated efforts to reach the community through the Rescue Mission and other opportunities.

Chair Tucker mentioned the table of offering present at this meeting for the Rescue Mission needs.

Martha made an Ecumenical March for Life announcement to be held on Friday, January 20, 2023 to be held in Saginaw.

Debra Ell led the Party Platform discussion. Please read the Party Platform. We all need to know this platform. There is various information at (MIPrecinctfirst.com) and you will see a copy of the Constitution and our Republican Party Platform under the resources tab.

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Please update emails as we are using what we have on file as of August from the Clerk's office.

Member profiles are available. Please fill one out if you have not already done so. This will help with our outreach team.

VC Gary Ell discussed donations and corporate membership committees – We need support. We want to support business owners.

County Convention January 26, 2023 – Debra Ell

Debra Ell stated that everyone got a mailing for the Call to Convention. There will be a credential table to check in. We need all new credentials. They will be done in time for the January 26th convention meeting at the Saginaw Field & Stream at 1296 N. Gleaner Rd. Freeland, MI. which starts at 7:00 p.m. Get there at 6:30 p.m. and you will need a Picture ID.

County convention is to vote on the 37 delegates to go to State. There are also 37 alternatives. It requires a hotel stay as Friday night caucus and Saturday morning voting. We are District 8 which is Midland, Bay City, Saginaw, and Genesee. See Austin to be put on the ballot. Ballots will be printed ahead of time. There will be places for write-ins. You will get a packet from the State party when you are elected. You will need to know who to vote for before you get there. We need America First candidates. Fees are hotel stay/travel and the possibility of paying a fee for convention.

Chair Tucker thanked everyone for questions and comments.

Announcements:

MIGOP Chair Forum at Bullock Creek High School – The event is hosting many of the people running for State positions.

State Convention February 17-18, 2023

Next meeting - EC Zoom 1st Thursdays of the month (February 2) and Membership meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of the month (February 9) at Gideon Christ Community Church.

The EC meetings by Zoom are now open to everyone. Zoom call is limited to only 100 people. Only the first 70 delegates will be able to attend. Non EC and delegates will not be able to comment. The meetings will be recorded and released. Eric Gladwish will be running the Zooms. He is checking on the questions raised about the current file share is limiting access and it is requiring a fee to use. You must download the file to view the entire video.

Expect an email for a Zoom invite to listen into the EC meetings.

Chair Tucker stated that the special meetings do not always have to be open forum. That from time-to-time we will have some open and closed meetings. Open meetings are not the same as transparent meetings. The past meetings were voting and were closed. The meetings were videotaped and then approved by EC for release.

Adjournment

Chair Tucker adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Closing Prayer – Dr. DeBari