



Saginaw County Republican Party
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
June 8, 2023

Call to Order

- a. Chairman Curt Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
- b. Curt Tucker, Chairman stated that Tony deBari was elected in the EC meeting. Also, Ed Town was recently brought on board as well as Vicki Kowalewski being elected as a new member in a Special EC meeting.

Prayer

Led by Duane Riha

Pledge of Allegiance/Preamble

Led by Kerry King

Committees Reports

a. Youth Outreach – Pam Nadzan

1. Pam Nadzan read scriptures from Lamentations.
2. She gave ideas to get active with the youth such as being involved in the schools as a lunch monitor, substitute teacher, board meetings.
3. Learn to say no to your kids when it comes to video games and bad movies.
4. Monitor phone use.
5. Get into church groups or bible studies and pray.
6. Read Lamentations 2:19 Love your neighbor no matter what political party they are.
7. Share the gospel.
8. Take a class on Civics.

b. Prayer and Care – Duane and Kathy Riha

1. Prayer meeting on June 11, 2023, at Hayes Park in Freeland at 6:00 p.m.

2. Letters to the American Church was a book Duane Riha encouraged churches to read.
3. Another book is Doctrine of Lesser Magistrates that Duane Riha highly recommended reading.

c. Communications – Eric Kowalewski

1. Our website is www.saginawgop.com and we use it for all communications.
2. Martha Avina manages our Facebook, Twitter, Truth Social and Telegram sites.
3. Eric Kowalewski stated he is leading the delegate recruitment committee. We need to start getting together and preparing for door knocking.
4. Debra Ell stated that if you are not getting the newsletter, first check your spam o let her know. If you unsubscribe, you will not get the newsletter.
5. Martha Avina stated that we started a Telegram channel. There will be posts on Trump. All events will be posted there.

d. Fund Raising and Corporate Membership – Gary Ell

1. There are currently 8 members in the committee.
2. We will be doing a SCRIP golf outing for fundraising.
3. This will be held on July 29, 2023, at the Green Acres Golf Course in Bridgeport on the Dixie Highway.

e. Events – Debra Ell

1. The next event will be June 14, 2023.
2. It starts at 5:00 p.m. at Gideons Christ Community Church.
3. There will be food and games.
4. At 6:00 p.m. there will be a Veteran Color Guard, Flag Dedication, Gun Salute, and Live Music.
5. The next event is the ladies CPL class on June 17, 2023. Contact Debra Ell for information.
6. There will not be a meeting on July 13, 2023, but we will be showing a movie called Jesus Revolution.
7. We will be at the Saginaw Fair in August.
8. At the August 10, 2023, meeting we will have a Human Trafficking Task Force speaker.
9. Precinct delegate roundup is September 14, 2023.
10. In October there will be a Chili Cookoff.
11. In November there will be a Veterans roundup.
12. Also, in December is the Mistletoe Swing event.

f. Legislative Committee – Mark Piotrowski

1. Spoke on behalf of what is going on with the Saginaw Commissioners.
2. There is an initiative on Quick Claim Deeds in Saginaw.
3. For \$30.00 and filling out a form someone can claim your property whether it is correct or not.
4. Scammers will take your property and fill out the information, have it notarized and submit it to the Register of Deeds at the Courthouse.
5. Once submitted it becomes a legal document.

6. They can then take out home equity loans against your property.
7. If this occurs, you must contact the County Prosecutor and the County Sherriff.
8. Point 2 is the sanctuary county that Mark Piotrowski put a Resolution together and is trying to get it through for Saginaw. There was no support in the last pass.
9. Ryan with Legislative report. The **Bill HB4210** which was voting overseas for Military has failed to pass.
10. The **Bill HB4127** and **Bill HB4128** would make polling locations gun free zones.
11. The **Bill HB4567** allows individuals to vote without ID.
12. The **Bill HB4569** preregistering individuals 16 to 18 to vote.
13. The **Bill HB4156** national popular vote to abolish electoral vote.

g. Community Outreach – Martha Avina

1. The next event is the East Side Soup Kitchen on June 13, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. until noon.
2. Contact Martha Avina or Colleen Ribble for more information

h. Candidate Support – Patrick Winter

1. Will be meeting for brainstorming and making suggestions.
2. Patrick Winter signed up for the opening in the Saginaw Road Commission.

Debra Ell introduced tonight’s speakers Molly Macek and Holly Wetzel.

- a. Molly Macek is the Director of Education Policy at Mackinac Center.
- b. Holly Wetzel is the Director of Public Relations.
- c. Holly Macek gave a quick overview of what is going on and what the Mackinac Center does.
- d. The center has a pro-bono law firm.
- e. Molly Macek shared that she is new to the role and has had a long history in education.
- f. Mackinac Center strives to be a champion for freedom.
- g. Mackinac Center supports school of choice, school accountability, equal treatment within public schools and visible school curriculum.
- h. Schools need to be held accountable for academics.
- i. Michigan has seen a decline in school accountability.
- j. Michigan schools have an A-F rating for parents to look at schools but that was just repealed.
- k. Mackinac Center seeks to fill the gap in transparent school ratings.
- l. We expect to see teacher evaluations coming up in Legislation.
- m. They are trying to pass a bill where student funding follows the student.
- n. Schools need to operate in a transparent manner.
- o. Thy need to shar curriculum with parents in a timely manner.
- p. They are working on getting Legislation on better defining what FOIA is.
- q. Currently the public school’s teacher records are not subject to FOIA.
- r. Mackinac Center has a FOIA coordinator.
- s. They are working on FOIA reforms.
- t. Universal choice is the goal for Mackinac Center.

Martha Avina read the Cease & Desist letter for the General Membership Meeting. Please sign before you leave.



**CEASE & DESIST LETTER TO ADMINISTRATORS OF
FRAUDULENT SCRCP FACEBOOK PAGE**

June 8, 2023

Saginaw County Republican Delegates who were officers in the previous SCRCP administration continue to privately operate a public Facebook group using the name "The Saginaw County Republican Party". The admins of the group are Tom Roy, Janet Stoney and R Scott Gilmore. We the elected EC of SCRCP have sent multiple requests to these three individuals to either delete the group, change the name of the group or to turn over the admin function of the group to us. They refuse to make the changes.

This Facebook group continues to falsely represent the official SCRCP in a public forum. The group's information still shares the old party details including email address and listing an invalid PO Box to send in dues or donations. It also describes how their State St office will reopen in 2024 for the election season. This is obviously being done to attract and control Saginaw County delegates and provide a platform of sour grapes to spread disinformation about the official SCRCP as we head into a big presidential year, to create division and undermine unity of the SCRCP.

All of our elected SCRCP members have been blocked from the page. At least two of our Saginaw County Commissioners who said that they have also attempted to ask them to remove the page said to us in a recent email, "I have reached out to them to take it down, but I can't repeat the response I received due to the language that was used."

BE IT RESOLVED, We the elected SCRCP Executive Committee of the official Saginaw County Republican Party are asking that all members of this EC as well as all Saginaw County Republican Party delegates join us in asking for Tom Roy, Janet Stoney and R Scott Gilmore to cease and desist operating the former Facebook page.

Failure to respond by removing this Facebook page within one week by June 15, 2023 will prove their intent to cause Damage to a legal organization called the SCRCP, and to intentionally commit libel and identity theft. If legal recourse must be taken after that time, they personally will be required to pay all legal fees."

Chairman, Curt Tucker closed the meeting with reminding everyone to visit the tables for the various handouts and a free will donation to the church.

Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.