



Saginaw County Republican Party
General Membership Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2023

Chairman, Curt Tucker started the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

- a. Welcomed and thanked everyone in attendance and to those who came early to set up.
- b. Acknowledged the SCRП officers.
- c. Introduced and gave recognition to Bishop Atkins.
 1. Bishop Atkins stated that God is not a God of confusion.
 2. Left the Democratic party as his beliefs aligned more with the Republican party.
 3. He stated that there is a love in the party that he feels but today there are some things that he doesn't feel.
 4. He stated as a Pastor and owner of the building he will not allow confusion and disruption.
 5. Everyone has a difference of opinions but if you come to disrupt and cause confusion, I will remove you myself.
 6. He will not allow confusion in the Lord's house.
 7. He stated the reason he became a Republican is because of the love that is present.
 8. He has found much peace becoming a Republican.
 9. He mentioned that he has been taking a lot of heat over becoming a Republican from Pastors and neighbors.
 10. Bishop Atkins said he is standing for what he believes in.
 11. He quoted "No weapon formed against me shall prosper".

Invocation

Bishop Atkins led the prayer.

Curt Tucker, Chairman stated when Bishop speaks it convicts him. He is reminded to be less of him and more of what God wants of him.

Pledge of Allegiance, Preamble to the U.S. Constitution and the Republican Party Platform

Led by Kerry King.

Reports from Committees

a. Fund Raising and Corporate Membership – Gary Ell

1. We have 10 members now.
2. We will be meeting in early June.
3. Carol Storch helped with interviewing several golf courses for our Fundraising Golf Outing.
4. The outing will be July 29, 2023, at Green Acres in Bridgeport.
5. Martha Avina is finalizing a flyer that will be sent out.

b. Community Outreach – Martha Avina

1. In May the outreach is at Old Town Christian Outreach Center.
2. In June we will be at the East Side Soup Kitchen.
3. We need volunteers.
4. Please see Martha Avina or Colleen Ribble to volunteer.

c. Prayer and Care – Duane and Kathy Riha

1. Kathy Riha mentioned that we have been gathering once a month.
2. We are trying to have them around the County to touch base with many communities.
3. The last meeting was in Chesaning.
4. The next meeting will be in Frankenmuth.

d. Legislative Committee – Suzanne Hall

1. Suzanne Hall introduced her committee members.
2. It is overwhelming to think about legislation in the State let alone on the Federal level.
3. The committee will be getting together to work on some issues.
4. Emails will be sent out with updates.
5. Senate Bill 4 known as the Elliot Larson Bill, is now law. It extends privileges and protection to homosexuals, but it does not protect churches.
6. Suzanne stated that Senator from our district, Kevin Daley, did not vote for this but our House Representative, Matt Bierlein voted with the Democrats on this bill.
7. Current pressing issues are the budgets for schools.
8. There is currently a House Bill that is pending that will strip local jurisdiction from overseeing aggregate mining rights.
9. The State wants to remove the ability for local authorities from controlling sandmining and other activities such as this.

e. Website update – Eric Kowalewski

1. Eric Kowalewski stated that he just uploads the content that is given to him.
2. He then jumped right into delegate recruitment.
3. He stated that anyone with a Trump sign or hat, we have common ground to get involved in the Republican Party.
4. Check out the Website at www.saginawgop.com.

f. Media Outreach and Facebook – Debra Ell

1. Martha Avina is now an Admin on our Facebook page.
2. There is a private page and a public page.
3. There is also Twitter and Truth Social page.

4. Garage sale is on May 18 – 19, 2023 in Frankenmuth at Debra and Gary Ell's house.
5. Donations can be dropped off starting Monday.
6. There is an event with Mike Rogers of the 8th District in Clio on May 22, 2023.
7. He may be contesting Debbie Stabenow's seat.
8. Membership meeting is on June 8, 2023, and we will be having Molly Macek from Mackinaw Center.
9. We already have the Christmas Gala event planned on December 15th at Swan Valley Banquet.
10. It is Eisenhower Era theme.
11. The committee will meet May 22, 2023, at Tony's Restaurant in Birch Run.

g. Youth Outreach – Pam Nadzan

1. Next Gen Patriots is the name of the Youth committee.
2. A Webpage is now in progress.
3. We need some youth volunteers to help.
4. Pam Nadzan mentioned that does not limit it to just Republicans as we want to reach all youth.

h. Bylaws – Gary Ell and Jim Conger

1. Jim Conger gave a quick history of his involvement of the Bylaws with Delphi Retirees.
2. We are currently on the 17th revision.
3. We want to make sure they are fair and clear.
4. The Executive Committee members all have the 17th edition.
5. The Bylaws are to protect us and to move the Saginaw Republican party forward.

Debra Ell stated that the guest speaker Michael Maibach that was originally scheduled for tonight fell ill and could not get on his plane. Debra showed a Zoom interview clip with Michael Maibach and Dave Bondy talking about how our Electoral system is under attack. Here is a link to the video clip shown <https://youtube.com/watch?v=QLA7yDOswRk>.

a. Debra Ell gave a recap of where Michigan stands on this issue.

1. Republican National Committee crafted a Resolution opposing the National Popular Vote compact.
2. It confirms any method of electing our President is unconstitutional because all states must be included in the process.
3. This is a Bipartisan issue.
4. The Electoral College turn swing states like ours into microcosms of America where candidates are forced to go beyond the big cities and reach out to all kinds of people.
5. At the same time safe states are essential for a party that has any claim to national status or any possibility of winning the presidency.
6. Michigan has 15 Electoral votes to offer.

b. A little bit of history about Michigan and this issue.

1. Fifty years ago, late Republican Michigan Congressman Gerald Ford offered a new way to elect the President with the U.S. Constitutional Amendment that never saw the light of day.
2. Now with Michigan we may see a revival of those ideas.
3. He once wanted to replace the Electoral College with a national popular vote.
4. If no candidate reaches 40% the top two advance to a runoff.

5. When a Senate Bill to have Michigan join the national popular vote compact was introduced back in 2015, only five Democratic Senators and 0 Republicans signed on as sponsors.

c. Saginaw Counties State Representative Tim Kelly's national popular vote Bill HB6323.

1. In 2018, eleven Republican Senators and ten Democratic Senators signed on to this bill.
2. I think he has changed his mind on that. You would need to check with him on that as he received a lot of heat for that.
3. They also offered a trip to Hawaii to an educational thing.
4. He went to that, and some other Republicans went to find out what was going on.
5. Tim Kelly and former Michigan Republican speaker of the house Lee Chatfield and others traveled to Hawaii on an educational trip attending a seminar sponsored by a California group, pushing to change how Michigan awards its electoral votes for President.

d. A group called National Popular Vote announced the ballot drive in Michigan.

1. In late 2021, if successful it would enter the state into an agreement to bind its 15 electoral votes to the presidential candidate with the most votes nationally.
2. The effort never gathered signatures.
3. However, the 40 Republicans out of 57 who controlled the Legislature at that time promised to fight it.

e. Michiganders could see an initiative on our ballots.

1. In 2024, a proposed law change would need about 357,000 ballot signatures while a proposed constitutional amendment would need more than 446,000 signatures.
2. Amendments go straight to the ballot if they get enough signatures, but law initiatives can be adopted and amended by the legislature.
3. Two NPV Bills HB4156 have been actually introduced to the Michigan house and to the Michigan Senate on March 2, 2023, by Democrat representatives, Kerry Rakins, and Senator Stephanie Chang.
4. They have been referred to the committee on elections and ethics.
5. Unfortunately, we have some Republicans like MIGOP Chairs, Laura Pax, and former Chair Saulanusis who support these new NPV Bills.

f. We as Republicans in Saginaw County need to hold our Legislators to the fire and we need to know where they stand.

1. The MLive and our local media reached out to every Michigan Congress person, 13 Representatives and 2 Senators.
2. We asked their thoughts on how a president should be elected.
3. Three responded, Republicans representative Tim Wahlberg and John Moolinar and Democrat Senator Gary Peters.
4. The national popular vote would take away the right of Michiganders to select their candidate and instead allow large states such as California to determine our electoral votes said Wahlberg.
5. John Moolinar is also defending the Electoral College arguing that insurance states of all sizes are included in an election of a president.

6. Democrat Gary Peters stated he would carefully review a Constitutional Amendment to replace the Electoral College if one came to the Senate floor.
7. Removing the Electoral College would be delegitimizing the very system that led Donald Trump to victory in 2016.
8. That could provide the only path to victory in 2024 especially in Michigan.
9. Now that Democrats control our legislator and our governorship where do we stand in losing or holding on to our Electoral College of Michigan?

g. Debra Ell reached out to Saginaw County Legislators for statements and invited them to attend tonight.

1. Senator Hauck office said, “unfortunately Senator Hauck will not be able to attend this event, he does not support the National Popular Vote”.
2. Senator Daley does not support this as well.
3. Representative Brian Begole stated “people in areas I represent, areas in Shiawassee, Genesee and Saginaw counties want their voices to decide where Michigan dedicates its electoral votes.
4. They don’t want big population centers and other states to dictate our electoral votes.
5. Representative Matt Bierlein stated, “Michigan will not be popular for candidates in the National Popular Vote system”.
6. This is not about Republicans or Democrats.
7. In Michigan voices across our state and communities’ matter.
8. Our voices matter and we must ensure that they continue to matter by rejecting the National Popular Vote.
9. Representative Graham Filler had no response.

h. The National Republican committee crafted a resolution in 2011.

1. A resolution that is in support of Electoral College.
2. There are two bills right now that are up in the Senate and the House, and they are compact Bills HB4156 and SB126.
3. They were in with 15 Democratic sponsors in the House and 10 sponsors in the Senate.
4. They will be heard in the House Elections committee very soon.
5. We crafted a Resolution showing our support, not from the party because this is a bipartisan issue.

i. We the SCRIP crafted a Resolution.

1. We want to send this to 138 Legislators on both sides.
2. Tell them how we feel as Michigan citizens that we don’t support the Electoral College.
3. The proposed resolutions from Saginaw County.
4. It is not from the Saginaw County Republican Party.
5. This will be from you as a Michigan citizen. This will be sent out to all of our Legislators.

RESOLUTION STATES:

WHEREAS the Constitution’s 230-year-old time test design of our Electoral College to elect our U.S. President has served us well.

WHEREAS the voices of citizens in Michigan should not be overruled by majorities and other larger states.

WHEREAS our U.S. Constitution preserves the balance of power and authority between the Federal and State governments through the mechanism of the Electoral College.

WHEREAS the framers of the Constitution created the Electoral College to reduce the risk of corruption, regionalism, and backroom politics.

WHEREAS the Electoral College forces candidates to build national support unifying rather than dividing the country.

WHEREAS the Electoral College turns swing states like Michigan into microcosms of America where candidates are forced to go beyond the big cities and reach out to all kinds of people.

WHEREAS the National Popular Vote if it is implemented would undermine state authority and lacks any checks and balances.

WHEREAS the National Popular Vote would change the rules of how we elect our U.S. President with a compact between only 11 states instead of the 38 which is needed to amend the constitution.

BE IT RESOLVED we the people of Michigan oppose any attempt to undermine our U.S. Constitution and the Electoral College by way of the National Popular Vote compact.

BE IT RESOLVED we the citizens of the State of Michigan direct our Legislators and our Governor to reject the National Popular Vote compact.

Signed this 11th day of May 2023 Saginaw, Michigan.

j. Debra Ell welcomed Patrick Colbeck to Saginaw County.

1. He is an American Engineer, an Author, and a Politician.
2. He is a former Republican member of the Michigan Senate having represented a Northwestern portion of Wayne County from 2011 to 2019.
3. Patrick Colbeck is widely recognized as one of Michigan's top Election Integrity experts.
4. He is accomplished Aerospace Engineer, Certified Microsoft Small Business specialist and former Vice Chair of Election sand Government Reform in the Michigan State Senate.
5. He is a frequent guest on National TV and radio programs.
6. He continues to work with meddling kids across the nation to expose the truth about what happened in the 2020 elections.
7. Patrick's most recent book the 2020 Coop takes bits and pieces of evidence from across America and knits them together into the definitive work on how the election was stolen.
8. You can follow Patrick in his work at his website: letsfixstuff.org
9. He has his new book available tonight for purchase.

k. Welcome to Saginaw County, former Michigan Senator Patrick Colbeck.

1. Patrick mentioned that the political spectrum is looking for truth.
2. He stated that God is the only truth.
3. National trends increase efficiency, centralization, automation, and privatization.
4. This decrease integrity.
5. When Biden got into office, he tried to reshape our elections systems.
6. National Popular Vote (NPV) background, there are 195 electoral now signed onto NPV and need 220 to win.
7. Patrick stated that all signs are showing that this is going to be passed.

8. State Board of Canvassers would approve the votes and the governor determines the electors to the presidential candidate.
9. NPV violates Article II, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution.
10. Anyone who votes in favor of NPV violates their oath to support U.S. Constitution.
11. All State-based elections have firewalls from other states.
12. This separates something bad going on in one state from affecting other states.
13. National Popular Vote is a bad idea.
14. Patrick then moved into how our elections are stolen.
15. He witnessed firsthand.
16. He talked about who has access to our elections and who doesn't.
17. Private companies are involved in our elections and are not subject to FOIA.

I. Please see video footage for the full presentation.

Chairman, Curt Tucker closed the meeting by thanking Patrick Colbeck. He reminded everyone that we have a Notary if anyone wanted to become a delegate.

ADJOURNMENT

- a. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.