



## SCRP EC Meeting MINUTES - Thursday June 06, 2024, 6:00 pm

**WELCOME- Chairman-** Gary Ell

**PRAYER-** Ernie Dugan and other EC members prayed over Debra and Gary Ell

**Pledge of Allegiance-** Lori Patterson

**Secretary-** Martha Avina- Attendance Roll Call & Verification of a Quorum

Gary Ell, Chair   Kurt Deming- Vice chair   Bing Yang- treasurer-excused

Martha Avina- secretary

1 Ramon Avina	2 Mike Curtiss	3 Ernest Dugan	4 Debra Ell
5 Eric Kowalewski	6 Vicky Kowalewski	7 Brian Forbes	8 Dennis Krajniak
9 Alanna Darrow	10 Pam Nazdan	11 Lynne Norman	12 Colleen Ribble
13 Kathleene Vasold	14 Warren Vasold	15 Nate List	16 Lori Patterson
17 Karen Abate	18 Mark Piotrowski	19 Rich Spitzer	

**We had a quorum.**

**Gary Ell** called for a vote to approve last Minutes from May EC & Membership Meeting

**Vote passed unanimously.**

**Colleen Ribble** stated that Robert Zelle and Walter Ribble have paid membership dues. **The Commissioners Report given by Rich Spitzer, requested by Gary Ell-** Rich Spitzer mentioned that the Memorial Cup was a success and that all improvements were made without touching the savings fund. That means no extra taxes to citizens. Now the commissioners' focus is on the 2024-2025 budget. Rich mentioned that he is getting ready for door knocking for his campaign starting next week.

### **Old Business Updates-**

Gary Ell explained the series of events that brought the removal of Kristina Karamo, our Michigan GOP chairwoman back in January

- 23 counties were not credential and not allowed to come to the MIGOP convention
- A Resolution letter against events ousting Kristina Karamo by Pete Hoekstra was given to all EC members to read and to vote next meeting on July 11
- The resolution will be sent to all 83 Michigan county chairs, to the RNC, and to all Republican delegates in Michigan.
- Gary Ell mentioned that an RNC office opened in Midland.

**Warren Vasold**- talked about wanting to give two gift cards to John Leaman and Allen Resinger from Leaman's Apple barn as a thank you for helping and providing the wagon during the Freeland Walleye Festival. **A motion** was done by Warren Vasold, **seconded** by Colleen Ribble. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**Gary Ell** on the Bavarian Festival Parade participation:

- It is on Sunday June 9
- It is not a city parade
- The parade does not allow political ads or political candidates
- SCRP is # 73. Lineup will be at 12 pm at Churchgrove St. in Frankenmuth. We will use Herb's and Alanna's wagon pulled by Tom Trahan's truck. Parade starts at 1 pm and it is 2 miles long. At the end everyone is welcome to meet at the Fisher Platz where Mike Curtis will be performing with Linda Lee.

### **New Business**

- o **Eric Kowaleski** made a **motion** for SCRP to endorse Sherry O'Donnell (US Senate), Kevin Rathbun (MI House 71st Dist.), Robert Zelle (MI House 94th Dist.), John Kaczynski (Saginaw Co. Commissioner District 7), Alexandria Taylor (MI Supreme Court), Andrew Fink (MI Supreme Court). It was **seconded** by Colleen Ribble. A paper ballot vote was done. Colleen Ribble and Pam Nadzan were tellers. The results showed that each candidate received  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority of EC members present. **Motion passed** to endorse candidates before primary election.
- o \$347 dollars were collected from **Suzanne Hall from the Garage sale donations.**
- o **Vicki and Eric Kowaleski introduced and showed us the new Silent Auction software** to be used at our golf outing. Discussion was done to spend \$500 plus the software will charge 5% from each transaction amount until \$3500 cap amount is reached. The membership lasts a year and can be used for other future events. **Motion** was done by Mike Curtis, **seconded** by Vicki Kowaleski. A voice vote was done, and the motion passed unanimously.
- o **Debra Ell, Events Chair:**
  - **Flag Day Celebration** on June 14th - people will gather on the end of the strip mall, stand with American or TRUMP flags along Bay Rd. Taking donated food to have hotdogs, cup cakes or cake, water bottles, etc.
  - **First Presidential Debate Watch** will be on Thursday June 27 at 9 pm in the office (BYOD)
  - **The Women for Trump Blossoms and Brunch** will be on July 21st at Zender's in Frankenmuth. Sign up people with office laptop and fill up the pink slip with the attendees information for Debra.

- **Saginaw County Fair** is July 30th- more information to follow
  - **Debra Ell** mentioned that many of the candidates running in Saginaw county we have never seen or heard from, are not delegates. Debra got them connected to SCRП with the newsletter through mailchimp.
  - **August**- State Republican Convention on August 24 in Flint
  - **September**- Precinct Delegate Bootcamp
  - **October**- Pews to the Polls
  - **November**- Presidential Election, & County Convention (DTBD)
- o **Gary Ell- Donuts, Delegates & Doors kickoff is Saturday June 29 at 9:30** am with coffee and donuts in the office. Saturday Door Knocking Leadership Gary Ell & Kurt Deming will each take one Saturday as Door Knock Leaders. Eric & Vicki Kowaleski agreed to take one Saturday per month. Ernest Dugan agreed to do another Saturday. Responsibilities will be scheduling teams, drivers & routes each Saturday for teams of 2-4 people going out starting on June 29. Door knocking will go 2 hours in the morning and 3 hours in the afternoon with a lunch break. We also need weekly volunteers to stuff literature bags.
    - Dennis Krajniak and Lori Patterson will do door knocking on a weekday to cover Thomas township
  - o **Gary Ell postponed** the Proposed SCRП Bylaws amendments for next meeting in July.
  - o **Gary Ell** also mentioned that 21 volunteers are needed for the Golf Outing in August
  - o **Dennis Krajniak**- There was a discussion started by Dennis Krajniak's conversation he had with Nikki Snyder about Mary Draves. Nikki suggests that SCRП get behind Mary Draves because Nikki thinks Hudson or Junge will not be able to beat Rivette, and instead Mary will have the best chance of beating Rivette in the general election.
 

The EC reaction was: we will "NOT" endorse Mary Draves as an Executive Committee until we have more information and she fills out our Candidate Profile AND AGREES TO MEET WITH US AS ALL OTHER CANDIDATES HAVE DONE PRIOR TO OUR ENDORSING THEM.

Dennis Krajniak will inform Nikki about our take on endorsing Mary Draves

**Our next EC and Membership meeting is Thursday July 11, EC at 6 pm and Membership Meeting at 7 pm at our office.  
Meeting Adjourned at 8:42 pm**