



St. Clair County Republican Party



Executive Meeting

March 6, 2023

Minutes

Meeting Called to order at 7:00 PM

The Meeting was held at Leaning Tree Golf Course, 7860 Smiths Creek Rd, Wales, MI 48027.

Invocation given by John Dailey

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Carolyn Richards

Roll Call of Executive Board. Attendance sheet attached.

Madam Chair Carolyn called for a motion to adopt the Agenda.

Dawn Nowicki made a motion to amend the agenda to accommodate Jay DeBoyer's schedule by adding him before all reports. Jay declined the change.

Lynn Grover made a motion to adopt the Agenda as presented. Cheryl Bowersox seconded.

Madam Chair Carolyn asked for discussion. No discussion.

Madam Chair Carolyn called for a vote to accept Agenda.

Vote: Ayes – Overwhelmingly; Nays - none. Agenda adopted.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report (Attached)–

Julie Rudd reviewed the summary treasurers report with the body. Julie also discussed the Audit Committee meeting and reviewing data and discussing possible solutions to missing / incomplete data by the previous Treasurer and deposits that will need to be returned. Julie informed the body that everyone is welcome to view detailed transactions and / or bank statements. If anyone is interested to contact her.

Discussion regarding Treasurer's report:

Dawn Nowicki stated we are unable to supply a paid membership list to the Members Committee do to the incomplete data from the previous treasurer. The previous treasurer has promised Julie to supply missing data then denies he has the data. Dawn also explained that when you are elected to the Executive Board that you swear an oath of office to maintain the records in good standing for the group and this was not done and it is dereliction of duty. Dawn asked for a motion to serve Dick Matzka with notice that he has 24 hours to supply the data or be censured until the following meeting in

April at which time if data was still outstanding to have a vote to have him removed from the SCCGOP on grounds of dereliction of duties and failure to comply. Dawn also explained the previous boards failure to turn over complete deposit information, corporation papers, and IRS Letter of Determination. That we have asked, gone to homes, and still this information is withheld. That the refusal to turn this information over is inhibiting the new boards ability to conduct business for the group and that her patients were exhausted and measures needed to be taken. That the current board was consulting an attorney to dissolve the current SCCGOP and establish a new corp.

Leisa Murphy motioned to have the membership revoked from Cathy Capone, Helen Hermes, and Dick Matzka on grounds of dereliction of duties and failure to comply.

Seconded by Tracy Birgy.

Discussion:

Julie Rudd stated as there were incomplete records and violations of Michigan Campaign Laws / Rules for \$1,613.00 those monies will have to be donated to a qualifying group and / or returned to contributors.

Dave Rushing suggested a registered letter giving the parties in question 7-10 days to comply and if they refused to comply in that time frame then take action.

Lynn Grover motioned to amend the current motion to send registered notification to Cathy Capone, Helen Hermes, and Dick Matzka giving them 7 days to comply with turning over the requested information. Failure to comply would result in membership being revoked.

Cheryl Bowersox seconded.

Discussion:

Several members stated that usually things can be straightened out by having a conversation with the people to get the info needed. It was stated that numerous attempts have been made and we were done trying.

Discussion closed

Vote to amend motion: Ayes – overwhelmingly; Nays – none

Motion amended

Discussion on amended motion: none

Vote: Ayes – Overwhelmingly; Nays – two

Motion carried.

Secretary's Report –

Minutes from the January 26, 2023 County Convention and the February 6th Executive Board meeting were printed off and distributed to the body.

Madam Chair Carolyn asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes for both meetings. No objections.

Madam Chair Carolyn asked for a motion to receive and file the Secretary's reports.

Cheryl Bowersox made a motion to receive and file the Secretary's reports. Tracy Birgy seconded.

Madam Chair Carolyn asked for discussion regarding Secretary's Reports. No discussion.

Madam Chair Carolyn called for a vote to receive and file the Secretary's Reports.

Vote: Ayes - Overwhelmingly. Nays - none. Secretary's Reports received and filed.

Committee Reports –

Candidate – Tracy Birgy would like to use social media to search for prospective candidates. Leisa Murphy suggested a ¼ page newspaper ad for approximately \$200 stating something to the affect County GOP under new management and searching for candidates.

Election Integrity – Monica VanCamp gave update: Committee has things in the works and will give more of an update at a later date. Looking at voter roll clean up. Recommending <http://whoscounting.us> for help. Talked about ballot harvesting and that we need to learn the process. Jay DeBoyer said there was legislation being proposed and he could help with explaining the process after legislation passes or failed.

Issues – Jay Wetzel gave update: Senator Thom Tillis filed an Amicus Brief on March 1, 2023, we need to contact Lisa McClain to find out why she didn't sign it in support. Committee working on recruiting delegates. Asked if the executive committee could stand and vote as not familiar with all who are on that committee. Robbie Daily compiled a very thorough list of bills currently in the Senate and the House. Julie suggested we start contacting local gun clubs to get support to fight new gun laws.

Fundraising – Jim Wier gave update: Looking into some fundraising functions such as Fishing Tournament, Spring Fling, Lincoln Dinner, Golf Outing, Night at the Races. Leisa Murphy said she had contacted Morley Candy Makers regarding a special candy sale.

Membership – Joe Pavlov gave update: We need to give new members a warm welcome. Working on filling precinct delegate seats. Our conservative county is turning blue and we need to be out there door knocking.

Rules & Bylaws – Leisa Murphy gave update: First draft in 7-10 days to be out for executive committee review.

Youth – Alec Beaton gave update: Youth meeting tonight and TPUSA was in attendance. We had several teenagers attend. Reviving the TP chapter in Marysville High School and expanding in every high school in the county. Reached out to the new State Youth Chair Rylee Linting and have not had a response. Carolyn said she would help with that.

Representative Update-

Jay DeBoyer and Andrew Beeler gave an update as to what is happening in Lansing. The new Ford Plant in Marshall will cost the tax payers approximately \$720,000 / job. Voting on numerous gun bills next week. Please contact the list of dem representatives that are on the border to help sway them to vote with us. National compact to give Michigan's Electoral College votes to national popular voter winner regardless of how the state vote goes. It states right in this law that it will stay in effect until the Electoral College is removed from the Constitution.

Dave Rushing gave an update on the 26 Mile Road project. Asked everyone to attend their municipality meeting and voice your opinion. Ask you municipality for a resolution to be sent to the county commissioners on the stance of the municipality.

Unfinished Business –

The resolutions that were passed at the February 6th meeting need to be signed by the Executive committee. Please make sure you come up front after the meeting and sign Resolution 2023-001, 2023-002, and 2023-003.

New Business –

Agenda item a. New Committee

We are adding a new committee called the Legislative Committee and are looking for volunteers. This committee would be responsible for staying in contact with our representatives for updates and sharing that information on a weekly basis.

Agenda item b. Resolution 2023-004 Resolution to Denounce Governor Whitmer's Calls for Infringement on the Constitutional Rights of Michigan Citizens.

Madam Chair Carolyn read Resolution 2023-004 to the body. It was also printed and distributed. (Attached)

Motion to adopt resolution 2023-004 Resolution to Denounce Governor Whitmer's Calls for Infringement on the Constitutional Rights of Michigan Citizens made by Leisa Murphy. Seconded by Michelle Zanger.

Madam Chair Carolyn asked for discussion from the floor. No Discussion

Vote: Ayes – Overwhelmingly; Nays – None

Resolution 2023-004 was adopted.

Agenda item c. Citizens of Michigan may initiate legislation and repeal legislation

We need to education ourselves on this process. Be aware of laws that are passing, have the petitions ready. Have the funding in place for printing petitions; and an army to get signatures. When the gavel falls in December for the close of the State Congress year we have 90 days to repeal the laws that were passed.

Chairlady Announcements –

Madam Chair Carolyn gave an update from the State Convention on February 17 & 18. All new people for District 9 Executive Board. Also listed people that are now on the State GOP chair positions.

Adjournment-

Madam Chair Carolyn asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Larry VanBeek made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by _____.

Madam Chair Carolyn called for a vote to adjourn.

Vote: Ayes – Overwhelmingly; Nays - None.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Dawn Nowicki

Secretary

St. Clair County Republican Party

Committee Members List can be viewed here:

<https://www.sccgop.org/committees/>

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Excutive Committee Attendance 2023



	1/2/2023	2/6/2023	3/6/2023	4/3/2023	5/1/2023	6/5/2023	7/3/2023	8/7/2023	9/4/2023	10/2/2023	11/6/2023	12/4/2023
County Clerk (S)												
County Surveyor (S)												
Baldwin, Jorja (S)	X											
Beeler, Andrew (S)		X	X									
Birgy, Tracy	X	X	X									
Bohm, Jeff (S)												
Bowersox, Cheryl	X		X									
DeBoyer, Jay (S)			X									
Greene, Jaime (S)												
Grover, Lynn	X		X									
Hornberger, Pamela (S)												
Hulett, Diane	X	X	X									
Keighly, Nanon		X	X									
King, Matt (S)												
Ladebauche, Ed	X	X	X									
Lauwers, Dan (S)	X											
Michels, Anne	X	X	X									
Murphy, Leisa	X	X	X									
Nowicki, Dawn	X	X	X									
Richards,Carolynn	X	X	X									
Roberts-Burnett, Kelly (S)												
Rudd, Julie	X	X	X									
Rushing, David (S)	X		X									
Simasko, Steven (S)	X		X									
Tesch, Eileen	X		X									
Torello, Joi (S)	X											
VanBeek, Larry	X	X	X									
VanCamp, Martha	X		X									
VanCamp, Monica	X	X	X									
Vandenbossche, David (S)												
Vanslembrouck, Chris	X		X									
Wendling, Michael (S)												
Wier, Jim	X	X	X									
Wiley, Bob (S)												
Zanger, Michelle	X	X	X									
Quorum (Y/N)	Y	Y	Y									



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Treasurer's Report
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JANUARY 1 2022 THRU FEBRUARY 2023

	ADMIN ACCT	CAMPAIGN ACCT
Beginnng Balance	\$11,135.56	\$23,852.55
Transfers In	\$4,776.81	
Memberships		\$1,470.00
Donations		\$2,809.18
Fund Raising		\$5,525.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL REV	\$4,776.81	\$9,804.18
Facility Rental*	\$3,700.00	
Office Supplies	\$1,011.17	
Technology	\$1,775.07	
Fund Raising	\$3,197.80	
Other	\$1,547.88	\$75.00
Campaign Contrib		\$20,560.00
Transaction fees		\$87.38
Transfers Out		\$4,776.81
TOTAL EXP	\$11,231.92	\$25,499.19
Net Revenue	-\$6,455.11	-\$15,695.01
Ending Balance	\$4,680.45	\$8,155.79

*Includes prepaid facility rental for March & April 2023 meetings

** Does not include any fines assessed by the State for campaign finance violations that may have been committed by prior Treasurer.



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Resolution 2023-004

March 6th, 2023



Resolution To Denounce Governor Whitmer's Calls For Infringements On The Constitutional Rights Of Michigan Citizens

WHEREAS the duly elected Precinct Delegates of the St. Clair County Republican Party have been entrusted by the voters who elected us to defend and promote the true Constitutional Values of the Republican Party Platform; and

WHEREAS Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 guarantees, "Every person has the right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state"; and

WHEREAS the 2nd Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees, "...the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed"; and

WHEREAS Michigan Compiled Law 28.422, requiring a license to purchase, carry, possess, or transport a pistol, is itself an infringement of right guaranteed by the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and therefore repugnant to the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, in Gretchen Whitmer's January 25, 2023, State of the State address the Governor called for enacting "universal background checks for people who want to buy firearms," encouraging infringement on the 2nd Amendment right of Michiganders; and

WHEREAS Section 11 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 guarantees "every person shall be secure from unreasonable searches and seizures"; and

WHEREAS the 4th Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees, "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated..."; and

WHEREAS, in her January 25, 2023, State of the State address Governor Gretchen Whitmer called for enacting "safe storage laws so we can make sure firearms are stored safely at home" (emphasis added), encouraging legislators to create laws which would result in another infringement of the Constitutional rights of Michiganders; and

WHEREAS Michigan Compiled Law 600.2950, Section (1e) already provides a way for Michiganders to seek relief from individuals whose actions are deemed potentially harmful by the court through restraining or enjoining the respondent from "purchasing or possessing a firearm"; and



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Resolution 2023-004



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**Resolution To Denounce Governor Whitmer's Calls For
Infringements On The Constitutional Rights Of Michigan Citizens**

WHEREAS in Gretchen Whitmer's January 25, 2023, State of the State address the Governor called for enacting "extreme risk protection orders" which would further jeopardize the 2nd Amendment rights of Michiganders;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, FIRST, that the St. Clair County Republican Party encourages the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners as the governing body for the county to formally denounce the calls by Governor Gretchen Whitmer for the Michigan legislature to enact laws which would infringe upon the people's right to bear arms;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, SECOND, that the St. Clair County Republican Party encourages the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners as the governing body for the county to denounce the calls by Governor Gretchen Whitmer for the Michigan legislature to enact laws which would legalize unreasonable searches and seizures of the people of Michigan and their homes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THIRD, that the St. Clair County Republican Party encourages the St. Clair County Sheriff, as the law enforcement officer elected by the registered voters of the county to uphold and defend the Constitution, to denounce such laws should they be enacted by refusing to require himself, his undersheriff, or his deputies to carry them out.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, FOURTH, that the St. Clair County Republican Party encourages the other 82 County Republican Party Executive Committees whose delegates were elected by their constituents to defend and promote the true Constitutional Values of the Republican Party Platform to adopt similar resolutions in their counties.