



St. Clair County Republican Party

Executive Meeting

January 6, 2024

Minutes



Meeting Called to order at 7:01 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.

Welcome New Guest and New Members by Joe Pavlov

State of the County Address given by Chairlady Carolyn Richards (Attached)

Adopt Agenda

Madam Chair Carolyn asked for a motion to accept the agenda.

Tracy Birgy motioned to accept the agenda. Lynn Grover seconded.

Madam Chair Carolyn asked for discussion. No discussion.

Madam Chair Carolyn called for a vote to accept the agenda.

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

Reports:

Treasurer's Report (Attached)–

Lynn Grover reviewed the Treasurer's report with the Body.

Madam Chair Carolyn called for a motion to receive and file the treasure's report.

Cheryl Bowersox motioned to accept treasure's report. Anne Michels seconded.

Madam Chair Carolyn asked for discussion. No discussion.

Madam Chair Carolyn called for a vote to receive and file the Treasurer's Report.

Vote: Ayes – All; Nays – None. Treasurer's Report received and filed.

Secretary's Report –

Dawn Nowicki presented the minutes of the December 4th Executive Committee meeting to the body.

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

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

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

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

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

Vote: Ayes – All; Nays - none. Secretary's Report received and filed.

Committee Reports –

Candidate – No Update

Chapter Liaison – Dennis Thomas: Met with Carolyn and Kristina Karamo. Preparing Training programs. Had a great interview with Eileen which can be seen on the Blue Water Healthy Living site. Also will be having his own program on Blue Water Healthy Living called Candidate Score Card Show which will be coming soon.

Election Integrity – In need of a new chair. Scott Aughney Contacted Carolyn for assistance with getting information in Memphis and Clay Township clerks.

Fundraising – Tracy Birgy: Euchre on January 15th.

Issues – No Updates.

Legislative – Robbie Dailey: Reviewed Legislative Update which is on our SCCGOP.ORG site at <https://www.sccgop.org/legislation-report/>.

Conor Allen: US Congress update.

Media – Conor Allen: Organizing an Action Committee to get out the work for any Call To Actions.

Membership – Joe Pavlov: The Membership committee is working to meet their goal of 1000 new members for this year. Our Adopt-a-Highway sign was installed but at the wrong location.

Rules & Bylaws – No Update

Youth – Conor Allen: The Youth Committee is behind Kristina Karamo 100%.

Representative Update-

Andrew Beeler – Michigan House not in session at this time. Things that are expected this year the Homeless Bill of Rights, Sex Workers Bill of Rights. The redistricting was ruled unconstitutional and is being redrawn for the City of Detroit.

Guest Speakers –

Ron Krueger - Has law enforcement background and would be happy to assist with any law enforcement issues / questions.

Unfinished Business –

No Unfinished Business

New Business –

- a) Resolution 2024-001 Resolution urging for the Restoration To Unify and Resolve Disputes Between the Elected State Central Committee and the Officers of the Michigan Republican Party.

Madam Chair Carolyn asked if everyone had reviewed the resolution. No objections.

Madam Chair Carolyn asked for a motion to accept Resolution 2024-001.

Tracy Birgy motioned to accept Resolution 2024-001. Diane Hulett seconded.

Madam Chair Carolyn asked if there was any discussion.

Diane Hulett asked if the reference to Michiganans in the 3rd paragraph could be changed to Patriots of Michigan.

Madam Chair Carolyn asked for a motion to amend Resolution 2024-001.

Tracy Birgy motioned to amend Resolution 2024-001 by changing the 3rd paragraph to read:

Whereas the Officers and State Central Committee were elected by precinct delegates representing all Patriots of Michigan at the February 2023 Convention; and

Diane Hulett Seconded.

Madam Chair Carolyn asked if there was any further discussion on the proposed amendment. No further discussion.

Madam Chair Carolyn called for a vote to accept the proposed amendment to Resolution 2024-001.

Vote: Ayes – All; Nays - none. Amendment adopted.

Madam Chair Carolyn asked for a motion to accept amended Resolution 2024-001.

Tracy Birgy motioned to accept amended Resolution 2024-001. Diane Hulett seconded.

Madam Chair Carolyn asked if there was any further discussion. No further discussion.

Madam Chair Carolyn called for a vote to accept the Resolution 2024-001 as amended.

Vote: Ayes – All; Nays - none. Amended Resolution 2024-001 adopted.

Chairlady Announcements –

- Everyone should have received their invitation to the upcoming County Convention on February 15th. We will be conducting this convention by the apportionment method. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with the convention.
- MIGOP Update Attached
- Attending the Turning Point Action event in Las Vegas at the end of January as St. Clair County has been identified as a battle ground county.

Point of Information – Lary VanBeek asked if we could have Kristina Karamo at our February Meeting to address questions and concerns.

Vice Chairlady Comments

- Coalition for Responsible Government (www.ccrarmi.com) What is this groups involvement with the push to remove Kristina? Please do your own research.
- The Ten Commandments Movement to display the Ten Commandments in our schools. Will be at the Yale School Board meeting.
- Two recalls being presented. One for Pauline Repp, Mayor of the City of Port Huron and one for Jeff Bohm, County Commissioner of the 5th District of St. Clair County.

Adjournment-

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

Anne Michels made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Cheryl Bowersox.

Madam Chair Carolyn called for a vote to adjourn.

Vote: Ayes – All; Nays - None.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Dawn Nowicki

Secretary
St. Clair County Republican Party

Committee Members List can be viewed here:

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

St. Clair County Republican Party

Excutive Committee Attendance 2023



	1/8/2024	2/5/2024	3/4/2024	4/1/2024	5/6/2024	6/3/2024	7/1/2024	8/5/2024	9/9/2024	10/7/2024	11/4/2024	12/2/2024	Membership Paid
County Surveyor (S)													
County Commissioner District 3 (S)													
Baldwin, Jorja (S)													
Beeler, Andrew (S)	x												
Birgy, Tracy	x												
Bohm, Jeff (S)													
Bowersox, Cheryl	x												
DeBoyer, Jay (S)													
Greene, Jaime (S)													
Grover, Lynn	x												
Hornberger, Pamela (S)													
Hulett, Diane	x												
Keighly, Nanon	x												
King, Mat (S)													
Ladebauche, Ed	x												
Lauwers, Dan (S)													
Michels, Anne	x												
Murphy, Leisa													
Nowicki, Dawn	x												
Richards, Carolyn	x												
Roberts-Burnett, Kelly (S)													
Rudd, Julie													
Rushing, David (S)													
Simasko, Steven (S)	x												
Tesch, Eileen	x												
Torello, Joi (S)	x												
VanBeek, Larry	x												
VanCamp, Martha	x												
VanCamp, Monica													
Vandenbossche, David (S)													
Vanslebrouck, Chris													
Waters, Angie (S)	x												
Wendling, Michael (S)													
Wier, Jim	x												
Wiley, Bob (S)													
Zanger, Michelle	x												
Quorum (Y/N)	Y												

State of The County Address

Given by

Carolyn Richards

St. Clair County Republican Party Chair

January 8th, 2024

I would like to list some of the accomplishments of the St. Clair County GOP since the start of this new Administration, January 2023. With the assistance of our delegates, we brought in a committee structure and empowered people to be involved. Any of the suggestions brought forth were considered and there was either a committee created or it was combined with one of the standing committees.

We have partnered with our representatives to have an open forum with our delegates and their constituents. We have open communication with them. We have a committee dedicated to the research of the federal and state bills. We have put out calls to action to contact legislators to vote against the democratic introduced bills.

When our representatives call upon our group, we put a call to action out to the county GOP members, both locally and at the state level to show up in support or against local and state issues, including the townships fighting against the green energy and passing the 2A sanctuary resolution, presented by Commissioner Rushing.

We have passed 8 resolutions last year and shared them with other GOP counties across the state.

We have become more active, by empowering the people, within our county GOP. Our attendance has more than tripled since the prior administration. We have sparked enthusiasm, engaged and activated our members.

Our goals for 2024:

1. We need to focus on the elections!
 - Our presidential primary has been moved to February 27th, our primary election is August 6th and the general election is November 5th.
 - There has been found corruption in every county of Michigan, including St. Clair County. We will need poll challengers and poll watchers, willing to work at the polls.

- Our Election committee has presented the multipart resolution to **Acknowledge that Electronic Voting Equipment/Computer Software are Corruptible, Acknowledge Centralized Control of Voting Process is Dangerous, and to Maintain Accurate Voter Rolls in the County of St. Clair.**
- The plan is to present the resolutions to the County Commissioners, and urge them to pass the resolution.
- One of our GOP members were appointed to the Board of Canvassers in November, Barry Mugridge.
- One of our members, Conor Allen, has undergone training and is working with Soles to the Rolls, a state-wide organization working to clean up voter rolls. He will need assistance once he has learned what needs to be done
- I am very excited about this announcement. St. Clair County was identified as a battleground county in the 2024 election, by TP USA. As the St. Clair County chair, I was invited to attend the Turning Point Action Summit. Turning Point Action is a 501(c)(4) organization founded in 2019 by Charlie Kirk. The organization's mission is to embolden the conservative base through grassroots activism and provide voters with the necessary resources to elect true conservative leaders. The grassroots RNC Summit is 2 days before the RNC summit in Las Vegas. This event is tailored for county GOP chairs, offering opportunities to engage with leadership, ask questions, learn recruitment strategies and build connections with national grassroots organizations. They will provide resources for us to be successful in 2024. I have asked Dawn Nowicki to join me so we can absorb as much information as possible.

2. Fundraising

- We are working on our Lincoln Day Dinner in April/May
- We have secured the Viral Tik Tok phenomenon and American Patriot, Shawn Farash as our MC.
- We are working on securing an exciting guest speaker, TBA!

- Hoping for this to be a big event.

3. Expand our Membership

- We added multiple year membership and membership will be active from the time you paid, and lasting for the length of time you chose (1, 2 or 3years)
- Membership committee is going to offer an Incentive for every person you bring in for membership, you get a discount off your membership fee.
- The Committee has a “1000 new member initiative“ for this year!
- We are looking at initiating a Patriot corporate membership with local businesses.

4. Education/Training:

- We feel knowledge is power. The more we know, the more we can become active within our community and take back the wheel, that we let others drive for so long.
- The MIGOP is so encouraged by the Good Neighbor Program-It is about getting to know your neighbors, and building networks within your community. This aligns very closely with the new member training we have been working on.
- We are also putting together a training program for committee chairs and board positions as well as a citizens government workshop.
- We would like to work on a People’s Initiative to repeal one of the laws that has been passed. We are researching public acts to decide which one is priority to target first. We would like to have workers at the polls during the presidential primary election, collecting signatures on a petition.
- We will begin in our own county, and then we will reach out to all of the other counties in Michigan. To launch this petition in all 83 counties, we

only need 4,000 signatures per county, costing about \$500-\$1000 per county to print out their petitions.

- Our Chapter and Grassroots Liaison Committee is beginning to work with other counties and grassroots movements across the state to open communication and build alliances with them.
- Our Media Committee is working with news outlets to spread the word about the SCC GOP: the Yale Expositor, Grant Smith and GBS media network and we have increased our presence on social media platforms.

5. The County Convention

- Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 7pm at the Double Tree by Hilton-The delegates should have received your Call to Convention by now. This is open to the public for attending and viewing, but not to participate. However, there will be an opportunity to elevate citizens to be delegates at the end of the convention. We only have 179 out of 790 available delegate seats filled in St. Clair County. On our website, we have links on how to become a precinct delegate. Disruptions will not be tolerated.

Lastly, our goal is to be the #1 county GOP in the state. We will be the model county in the state! We are a freight train on the move!! You can decide what you are going to do...board the train and join us, or stand on the side and watch the train pass you by! We hope you will get on board!

MIGOP and Kristina Karamo Statement

Given by

Carolyn Richards

St. Clair County Republican Party Chair

January 8th, 2024

I would like to make a statement on the chaos that is going on within the Michigan GOP and Kristina Karamo.

I have been receiving 15-20 e-mails per day over the past 6 months, slandering Kristina, bashing the republican party, causing disruption and distraction, calling illegal state committee meetings, confusing delegates and state committee members. I have also been receiving e-mails from 3rd party organizations, either against or supporting Kristina. It is making it very difficult knowing who we can and cannot trust. Some of the half-truths can cause concern, however, when the whole story is told, the truth is revealed, and things are seen clearly.

There was a recent meeting called by Kristina Karamo's former campaign manager, Kristy Klamer, for delegates to attend, to hear people talk about their "first hand" experiences with Kristina. I discovered that Kristy Klamer no longer lives in Michigan. My concern was that if she no longer lives in Michigan, what involvement does she even have with the MIGOP. I am not willing to participate or share information that is counter-productive or led by people that I am unsure of their intentions. I attended a county chair meeting with Kristina Friday night, via zoom, Friday night. This was mainly to discuss the focus of the party, but did allow a Q&A session. All questions were answered. Following that meeting, there was a very lengthy Town Hall Meeting with the MIGOP general counsel, Dan Hartman, that many of us attended. They were very forthcoming with the information presented, disputing the lies and allegations. They answered all questions asked of them. During the zoom meeting, I was following an email thread with the people involved, and the dialogue that was going back and forth between them were mocking the general counsel, making statements like "the MIGOP is scared", "tomorrow is their last day", talking about the illegitimate meeting scheduled on 1/6/24.

This meeting was to be chaired by Malinda Pago. Roughly 55 people, only approximately 40, are actual State Committee members, amended the bylaws to lower the threshold to remove people from 75% to 60 percent. None of the proper procedures to amend the bylaws were followed. Then, it was reported that roughly 40 people took a vote with a secret ballot to claim that Kristina was no longer chair. They

also claimed to remove other State Committee members, such as Dan Hartman, Dr. Phil O'Halloran, Lori Skibo, and Braden Giacobazzi. There were some state committee members that were not present and had proxies assigned to them, without their authorization. These members have signed an official letter stating their signatures were misappropriated. According to the by-laws, proxies are not able to vote to remove anyone, yet they were used, and they claimed to have collected 54 signatures. On 1/7/24, there was a fraudulent letter of resignation by Kristina, that began circulating. Since they have access to the MIGOP letterhead, the opposition is now sending out fraudulent e-mails and letters, from the administration. I have confirmed with Kristina herself, that she did resign.

If they feel confident that they have enough support to remove the chairwoman, why not call the vote at the regularly scheduled meeting, the legitimate meeting, on 1/13/24? Why did it have to be done in this manner? If they truly “voted her out”, why would they have put out a fraudulent letter of resignation? Kristina is working on getting out to each of the Districts to have Q&A meetings we will post the dates and times of the meetings as they are announced. Districts 6,10, 12&13 are this week. You can attend any of the meetings and ask questions.

The next concern that has been expressed is the affiliation with “Unauthorized”. This is a nonpartisan organization, working on Election Integrity. Kristina joined a “candidate Coalition” in 2021, which included candidates from all over the country. She has formed a tight bond with the group across the nation. They started a 501c4 (like the Democrats do). It is a nonpartisan organization, which has the focus on election integrity. She has since resigned because she does not have the time. She never got paid for this position.

My thoughts:

There are many people that may or may not have the party's best interests in mind that are causing disruption in the party. I believe there are people planted within the party to create distraction which Eileen will talk about. I believe that those that truly want the Republican Party to succeed and want to take back our state and our nation, they would not be causing so much distraction and working with left wing media outlets to give them a story and a narrative. I believe these people have been focused on everything other than what we need to focus on, which is our election.

Kristina Karamo has never been a chairwoman of the MIGOP before. She is grassroots, just like many of us, trying to reclaim the party to put it back on the platform it was based on and reinstate trust within the Michigan Republican Party. There are establishment members that have not been happy from the very beginning, that Kristina was elected to be chairwoman, either because their candidate was not

elected, or they are simply against the grassroots. Many county GOP's that were flipped to be led by America First, grassroots administration, had similar opposition. This happened across the nation. The past 2 state committee meetings that Kristina has called has been sabotaged. The venue cancelled the meeting due to suspicious threats/fears and it was moved to zoom format, causing confusion and resulting in lack of a quorum. These people have never joined forces to help Kristina Karamo and her administration rebuild the party. Some of the people involved, that have attended this illegitimate meeting, include Matt Deperno and JD Glaser who ran against Kristina Karamo as chairwoman, Warren Carpenter, Malinda Pago and Bree Moggenberg. They have committed fraud with the signatures of some state committee members and posing as Kristina in a letter of resignation. I believe many good people have been manipulated to believe their narratives.

I have spoken with Kristina several times by phone, and recently met with her in person. After meeting with her, I was reassured that she is a God-loving, Christian woman, and in my heart of hearts, I believe is trying to do the job she was elected to do. She is intelligent and a very compassionate, confident, independent woman.

Has she made mistakes? We are all human, so of course, she has made mistakes, we all have. What about the fundraising? I believe she has been attacked from the very beginning, and there have been people that have been working against her right from the start, to make the fundraising very difficult. She has been distracted by all of this unnecessary chaos, that makes it difficult to do her job. There is also a finance committee that works on fundraising. I have not seen anybody who has been complaining, step up with some donors, donations, or fundraising ideas.

I have been asked by Kristina to be a part of a transparency committee, who will have access to party financials. During my in-person meeting, she was interested in constructive criticism. She was interested in what our county has accomplished and is working on. She was willing to show us some of the software that we will soon have available to us, on election data (like which republicans have voted and where they live), to help narrow down door knocking.

Kristina is also working to go to each district for Q&A sessions. We will keep you posted when she comes to District 9.

I have already stated what our goals and vision of St. Clair County GOP are. We can't allow ourselves to be distracted by all of this. Whatever you believe, and whether you support Kristina or not, we need to stay focused and remain vigilant in our efforts and this year's elections. This is the most important election of my lifetime, and likely many of yours.