

Cass Co GOP Executive meeting 11-26-2024

Mark Howie called the meeting to order, Stacey Wilder led in prayer and Jeremiah Jones the Pledge.

Roll Call: The following were present: Victor Fitz, Jeff VanBelle, James Lawrence, Jeremiah Jones, Mary Howie, Rosann Marchetti, Wally Berndt, Dan Adams, Kim Adams, Jerry Duck, Mike Egan, Mark Howie, JD Glaser, Wendy Glaser, Rose Kelsheimer, Roger Boyer, Mike Grice, Lynn Schantz, Brian Woodbury, and Tom Langley.

Not present: Steve Carra, Brad Paquette, Johnathan Lindsey, Thomas Stephenson, Ryan Laylin, Joyce Sheteron-Locke, Samuel Barrera, RJ Lee, Kevin Kelsheimer, and Debbie Burke.

Excused Absence: Hope Anderson, Monica McMichael, Rick Behnke, and Nate Wilder.

Secretary's Report: Wally Berndt – Roseann Marchetti motioned to approve seconded by Roger Boyer. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Kim Adams – Copies are on the table in the back. In the campaign account the balance is \$9,473.64. The admin account balance is \$3,201.08.

Todd Gillman – From Lenawee County district on the East side running for the 5th District Chair. I am a 6-year veteran of the US Navy, on the State Committee with JD Glaser, the executive committee in Lenawee County, a delegate to the RNC, was very involved with the Karamo budget committee and one of the first to blow the whistle on that. We are still fighting the chaos.

As District 5 Chair, I want to open all lines of communications between all counties. I know it will be very tough because it is so large. (Lake Michigan to Lake Erie) I am willing to take on this challenge. I want to hold elected officials accountable. I want to get all the Precinct Delegates, their Precinct data and encourage everybody to use that data. I encourage everyone to stay in campaign mode.

JD Glaser: In regards to the state committee, there are two fundamental issues being brought up, that will change things going forward. 1) a requirement of a fee to run for state chair and, 2) how we are going to count ballots. The meeting will be Thursday Dec 5th at 7PM.

The last State Committee meeting was on a Thursday at 7 PM and lasted till 3:30 AM. The first 2 hours were spend debating the agenda before the meeting could start. This needs to be addressed and changed in the party.

Special Events: Mark Howie speaking for Mary Howie – The campaign headquarters was a great success. Thank you for all the help. Many say it was the best set-up ever. We had a ton of traffic, gave out at least 3 thousand Trump signs, raise a lot of money, had shirts, hats, buttons, stickers, Brenda Beadenkopf held Women for Trump rallies along with Trump Train Road rally.

County Committee: Roger Boyer – Our last meeting was on October 1st with Carter Chain and Poll Challenge training. We were involved with the headquarters, giving out almost 5 thousand signs in the two months from the fair to the election. We also did door knocking working on Trump Force 47. The December 3rd meeting will be orientation with a welcome package to be presented to new and old ones too.

The January 7th meeting will be brain storming with Karen Tan and Julie Roberts.

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Prosecutor: Victor Fitz – We are thrilled that the house was flipped. The lame duck session is a dangerous time, so keep your communications up with you representative to pressure to help hold the Democrats at bay. Over the week-end we had a shooting. We have some gang activity going on in a variety of stripes. I like to give recognition to Mike Egan for reworking 2020 Trump Pence signs to read “2024 Trump Vance”.

Drain Commissioner: Jeff VanBelle – I sent a lot of people to the headquarters. In the lame duck session some very serious bills are coming through that will shatter the Drain Office. Keep those calls up to the reps. The work on Eagle Lake Road is something we got done ahead of this lame duck time. We may not have been able to do this later. It is not the prettiest thing, but we will be back in the spring to dress things up.

District 4: Jeremiah Jones – I am happy with the results of the election. I am Black but not a Democrat. I have a lot of friends, family members, e-mail messages and in person saying we voted for Obama in the past but we voted for Donald Trump this time. Things are changing

I am using my platform to get answers for the tracks at Pokagon Highway and Barron Lake Road, which I have no authority. The rail road gave me a letter for recommendation.

Upcoming issues: If things go well, I will be in negotiations for wages so we can attract good people and keep the ones we have. I support our Sheriffs Dept, I worked there for 15 years.

District 7: Roseann Marchetti – The last time I was here, I really gave it to Carra, Paquette and Johnathan Lindsey. I want you to know that I heard back from them. Sue Peterson called about a Right to Life situation. I called on them, and they got back to me again. This says a lot about our representatives and our senator.

Jon Smith: I am taking a bus to the inauguration. We will be leaving Jonesville, Michigan on the 19th leaving 10 PM. We will get dropped off by the Washington Monument, then the bus will get back out before 5 PM and head back home. Let me know ASAP if you would like to go. It is \$150 a seat. Bring your own chair and food.

Lynn Schantz made a motion to adjourn seconded by Wendy Glasser.

The motion passed unanimously. The meeting is Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Wally Berndt.