

# Cass Co GOP Executive meeting 9-24-2024

Mark Howie called to order, Mary Howie led in prayer and Tom Langley the Pledge.

**Roll Call:** The following were present: Steve Carra, Mary Howie, Rosann Marchetti, RJ Lee, Wally Berndt, Dan Adams, Kim Adams, Mike Egan, Mark Howie, Rose Kelsheimer, Roger Boyer, Mike Grice, Brian Woodbury, Tom Langley, JD Glaser, Wendy Glaser, Victor Fitz, and Lynn Schantz.

**Not present:** Brad Paquette, Hope Anderson, Rick Behnke, Thomas Stephenson, Ryan Laylin, James Lawrence, Joyce Sheteron-Locke, Jeremiah Jones, Nate Wilder, Kevin Kelsheimer, Monica McMichael, Jeff VanBelle, and Samuel Barrera.

**Excused Absence:** Johnathan Lindsey, Debbie Burke, and Jerry Duck.

**Secretaries Report:** Wally Berndt – Dan Adams motioned to approve seconded by Mary Howie. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kim Adams – Copies are on the table in the back. In the campaign account the balance is \$22,809.26. The admin account balance is \$627.10.

**Presentation:** Carter Chain – 5<sup>th</sup> District Trump Team Director of Election integrity. Poll challenger training.

- 25 minute class teaching Poll Challenging.
- Hosting virtual classes. (How a polling place should be run)
- Working with “Protect the Vote Michigan.”

Poll worker may be the most valuable position.

**Women for Trump:** Brenda Beadenkopf – We want to invite women, their husbands, and children to the rally on September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Sinclair Gas station. It will be starting at 2:00 PM with speakers to include: Vickey Burgdoff, Shelly Woodbury, Wendy Glaser, and Brenda Beadenkopf. Women for Trump T-shirts will be available along with Yard signs, door hangers and other information to promote the event.

There will also be an October 26<sup>th</sup> rally with other notable speakers such as Dr Sheery O'Donnel, Allison Lyndsey and more.

**US Senate:** Mike Rogers is polling close, a little lower than Trump. We need to eliminate Chuck Schumer by defeating Slotkins.

**Endorsements and/or Contributing:** To contact Chair or Vice Chair for endorsements and must be dues paying members. Victor Fitz motioned to Contribute:

\$2,000.00 for the following:

- Tom Langley
- Jim Lawrence
- Mike Grice
- Steve Carra
- Brad Paquette

\$1,000.00 for the following:

- Kevin Whiteford
- Steve Frisbee
- Kathy Schmalz
- Rylee Linting
- James DeSana

Dan Adams seconded the motion. Mike Egan amended the motion to deduct the dues from any who still owes seconded by Roger Boyer. The Motion and amended motion carries.

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**Mary Howie** made a motion to donate to the animal shelter in the name of Rick Schantz, seconded by Roger Boyer. The motion passed unanimously.

**Trump Merchandise:** Sue Smith has Hats, Shirts and Buttons. Mark Howie set-up to have these available at the campaign headquarters.

**Steve Carra** made a motion to have \$2,500 for latitude to get out the vote. (keep receipts) Seconded by Roger Boyer. The motion passed.

**Nominating Committee:** Mark Howie noted that we need to nominate new officers 20 days after the election. He also said he will not be the chair for the new term. He appointed the following to be on the nominating committee:

- Wally Berndt
- Mike Egan
- Kim Adams
- Lynn Schantz
- Rose Kelsheimer
- Brian Woodbury
- Chaired by Mark Howie

**County Committee:** Roger Boyer – The number of people attending our meeting remains around 25 however, there were over 60 in attendance at the September meeting to hear the “Trump Force 47” presentation by Sam Nelson.

A committee was formed to create a welcome packet for new and returning Precinct Delegates. There will be no November meeting due to the election.

The next meeting will be Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> with the thrust being to Welcome and for Delegate Training.

**7<sup>th</sup> District:** Roseann Marchetti – Sept 25<sup>th</sup> at the Road Commission from 3 till 6 PM, Hazardous Waste disposal.

**Representative:** Steve Carra – Lansing we will work tomorrow. We may have 30 Bills.

**State Committee:** Mark Howie says JD Glaser texted a message – There are 600,000 Duck Hunters. 30% don't vote. We need to be proactive. Talk to your friends and have them talk to others.

Trump leads with the Jewish community. Union workers are pulling for Trump. Work on “Low propensity voters”, get them to the poles.

Larry Westgate made a motion to adjourn seconded by Tom Langley.

The motion passed unanimously. The meeting is Adjourned

*Respectfully submitted by Wally Berndt.*