

The Republican Party of Sheboygan County
Executive Committee Meeting
March 5, 2018

Chairman Dennis Gasper called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present were: Dennis Gasper, Judy Gasper, Jan Vojta, Paul Gruber, Carmen Dolson, Art DeJong, Senator Devin LeMahieu, Rep. Terry Katsma, Joel Urmanski, Jane Kautzer, Kevin O'Brien, Will Phebus, Al Jante.

Secretary Judy Gasper distributed copies of the January meeting minutes, which had also been emailed to committee members. There being no additions or corrections, Paul made a motion to accept the minutes as distributed, motion seconded by Carmen, motion carried.

Treasurer Jan Vojta reported that on January 1st we had a cash balance of \$10,195.44, have received \$7,792.00 in membership dues and \$2,970.00 for the Lincoln-Reagan event, and have had expenses of \$4,227.82, which leaves us with cash on hand of \$16,729.62. Carmen made a motion to file the Treasurer's Report for audit, motion seconded by Paul, motion carried.

Judy Gasper reported that we now have 168 members. The Chairman commented that there are five additional memberships that just came in the mail and haven't been processed.

The upcoming Lincoln-Reagan luncheon was discussed. There are 66 confirmed attendees, with a few reservations not yet processed. Chairman Gasper stated that volunteers called about 300 people last Saturday to invite them and encourage attendance. An email will be sent out with a deadline of March 12th for RSVPs. Al Jante volunteered to staff the membership table at the event. He will have the Mail Chimp email list available so attendees can verify their email addresses. A supporter/winemaker would like to donate wine to be served at the luncheon. This probably wouldn't be a good idea, as The Bull would charge an uncorking fee. Paul, who is soliciting donations for the Silent Auction, went over the list of those donations.

Chairman Gasper stated that \$1,500.00 has been pledged by donors to date to pay for the \$2,000.00 cost of Judge Screnock signs that have been ordered. More donations are expected. Art made a motion to authorize the party to fund any unpaid balance as an "in-kind" donation, motion seconded by Judy, motion carried.

Chairman Gasper stated that he has people interested in serving on an Electronic Media committee. Paul made a motion to appoint Al Jante chairman with the duties as enumerated; motion seconded by Carmen, motion carried.

Electronic Media Committee Chair Duties:

1. Recruit committee members
2. Report to Executive Committee
3. Oversee electronic media activities

Chairman Gasper has also requested that Will Phebus be appointed Headquarters Manager. Carmen made a motion that Will Phebus be appointed Headquarters Manager with duties as enumerated; Art seconded the motion, motion carried.

Headquarters Manager Duties:

1. Reception and phone calling
 - a. Recruit committee members
 - b. Schedule headquarters staff
 - c. Report to Executive Committee at monthly meeting
 - d. Research new location for headquarters when needed
2. Headquarters Events
 - a. Set up for speaking events
 - b. Work with Events Chairman
 - c. Set up for entertainment events
3. Maintenance
 - a. Lawn mowing
 - b. Snow plowing
 - c. Cleaning interior, especially toilet
 - d. Keep tabs on hand towel and toilet paper supply
 - e. Monitor thermostat, especially for meetings in winter
 - f. Purchase office supplies as needed

Chairman Gasper has set up a phone calling committee; he recognized Martha Jensema, Kathryn Wagenknecht, and Tony Fessler for doing a great job making calls.

Regarding spring elections, Paul suggested that a Mail Chimp email be sent out reminding snowbirds to vote absentee; Al will do so.

Carmen in the past suggested that we need to be aware of open seats and find candidates to fill them and challenge incumbents. Candidates need to know there is help available if they decide to run. It was decided a committee will be formed to create a strategy; it will include Darryl Carlson, Jon Dolson, and Kevin O'Brien.

The date of the next Executive Committee meeting will be April 16th.

Legislative updates were given by Rep. Katsma and Senator LeMahieu. Rep. Katsma stated that there is disagreement in the legislature on the proposed sales tax holiday and child tax credit. Rebecca Clark will be challenging Rep. Katsma in the fall elections. Senator LeMahieu stated that there will be a special session called by Governor Walker on school security. The Senator has a challenger, Kyle Whelton. The Democrats are motivated, so all challengers must be taken very seriously. Congressman Grothman will have an opponent, Dan Kohl, who has lots of money.

There being no further business, Paul made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Carmen, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Gasper, Secretary