

TRI-CREEK  
REPUBLICAN  
COMMITTEE

**Approved Minutes**

**Date:** April 17, 2023

**Time:** 5:30 PM



## Minutes for the Tri-Creek Republican Committee

### Call to Order:

A regular meeting of Tri-Creek Republican Committee was held on March 20, 2023 at the Lowell Community Center. It began at 5:35 PM and was presided over by Clarissa Fuller with Jessica Messler as secretary. The meeting was opened with a word of prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the meeting began.

### Attendees:

#### Voting members in attendance: 20

Lorraine Bank, Dorothy Eich, Alice Dahl, Clarissa Fuller, Tom Sorensen, Rosemary Swank, Melissa Lauridsen, Todd Angerman, Jessica Messler, Anita Castelli, Karen Anastasi, Mike Lee, Susan Drexler, Mark Drexler, Prudence Tokarz, LeAnn Angerman, Jill Murr, Catherine Johnson, Dan Blankenship, and Paul Panczuk

#### Guests in attendance: 9

Randy Niemeyer, Andy Anderson, Dana Bogathy, Deborah Schroeder, Kenneth Jones, Virginia Feyes, Joe Swank, Paige Cripe, and Mark Promnitz

#### Members not in attendance: 12

Carol Sorensen, Shad Whisler, Dave Lauridsen, Dan Kowalski, Bob Schantz, Sandi Shantz, Rick Niemeyer, Heidi Laub, Mike Aylesworth, Mike Gruszka, Amber Gunningham, and Shane Tucker

### Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2023 meeting was made by Tom Sorensen pending two edits. Spelling Error (corrected) and Date Error (corrected). Seconded by Melissa Lauridsen. Group voice vote, approved.

### **Officers Reports:**

**Secretary's Report** was presented by Jessica Messler. Minutes were read as many people did not receive an email containing the Minutes. For future reference, ALL Minutes, Agendas, and all other Tri-Creek related information will be housed on our website. All emails, Facebook posts, etc. will be linking back to the website. See website for the most up-to-date information.

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**Treasurer's Report** was presented by Melissa Lauridsen. \$6,931.31 in the account. \$170.00 check outstanding to Lake County Republican Party has cleared (March 20th) and is reflected in the new balance. Treasurer's Written Report was filed to the Chair. CFA4 was filed on time (April 11th). Tom Sorensen made a motion to approve. Dan Blankenship seconded. Group voice vote, approved.

### **Approval of Officer's Reports:**

Motion to approve was made by Tom Sorensen. Motion was *seconded by Jill Murr. Group voice vote, approved.*

### **Other Reports:**

**Randy Niemeyer (Lake County GOP Chairman, Lake County Councilman)** spoke at the meeting to show support for Tri-Creek. He stressed the importance of finding one person that lives in both Ward 3 and Ward 5 to run for the Town Council seats that are currently open ballot. He desires that Tri-Creek will have their own caucus to place candidates into these ballot slots. The cut off to appoint to these ballot positions is early July. Randy also informed the group that he is planning a Chairmen Meeting in (possibly) June to come up with a standard set of operating procedures for the local groups. Examples include: Membership requirements, Organizational Structure voting procedures, and to explain the business model of the Lake County Republican Party. Randy stated that although it is in his authority as the County Chairman to appoint Precinct Committeemen, he wants the local Chairman to submit names of interested parties to him. He wants the local organizations to choose their own PCs so that the local groups will work well together as a group and so the PCs will be loyal to the local group and not the County Chair.

**Chair Clarissa Fuller** addressed the group and thanked the Executive Committee for their work during the last few months. Clarissa has been attending various GOP meetings (Highland and Crown Point) to see how they hold their meetings and make connections with them. Clarissa thanked Paul Panczuk for his presentation last month.

**Committee Appointment:** Clarissa Fuller appointed Alice Dahl as Committee Chair for the Pork Chop Booth for the Lowell Labor Day Festival. Tom Sorensen moved that the TCRC sponsor the booth for Labor Day. Melissa Lauridsen seconded. Voice vote approval.

**Parliamentarian:**

Tom Sorensen was appointed as the Tri-Creek Parliamentarian by Clarissa Fuller. Tom briefly explained the duties of the Parliamentarian, the group By-Laws and Robert's Rules of Order.

**Board of Elections, Poll Worker Information:**

LeAnn Angerman gave a 30-minute presentation about what poll workers can expect on Election Day. She spoke about the training, duties, and pay for poll workers. Following the presentation, LeAnn answered questions from the group.

**Tri-Creek Referendum:**

There were various issues raised both in favor and against the Referendum.

**Announcements:**

- One Judge is still needed for the Church of Christ poll location.
- Questions were raised about the potential of being the wrong classification through the Secretary of State's office. Clarification will be needed.
- There is an app provided by Lake County that will have the vote totals on Election Day. Located at *LakeCounty.in.gov*
- Jessica informed the group that she would place the Tri-Creek/Lowell maps on the website ASAP.
- Mike Lee announced that the Illiana Tollway has been removed from the Indiana Code and is no longer a possibility.
- Jessica informed the group that they should consider if they wish to have any involvement in the Lowell Labor Day Parade.

**Adjournment:**

Tom Sorensen moved that the meeting be adjourned and Mike Lee seconded.  
Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Secretary Signature

*Jessica Messler*

Date of Approval

May 15, 2023

