

TRI-CREEK  
REPUBLICAN  
COMMITTEE

***Draft Minutes***

**Date:** June 19, 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 June 19, 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: 13**

Lorraine Bank, Dorothy Eich, Alice Dahl, Clarissa Fuller, Rosemary Swank, Melissa Lauridsen, Jessica Messler, Rick Niemeyer, LeAnn Angerman, Jill Murr, Dan Blankenship, Deborah Schroeder, and Paul Panczuk

**Guests in attendance: 8**

Tom Sorensen, Carol Sorensen, Anita Castelli, Catherine Johnson, Heather Panczuk, Georgeanne Van, Taki Floutsis, and Hamza Sahli

**Voting members not in attendance: 8**

Shad Whisler, Todd Angerman, Bob Schantz, Sandi Schantz, Carl Eich, Amber Gunningham, Shane Tucker, and Heidi Laub

**Officers Reports:**

**Approval of Minutes/Secretary Report:** Motion to approve was made by Tom Sorensen. Motion was seconded by Carol Sorensen. Group voice vote, approved.

**Treasurer's Report** was presented by Melissa Lauridsen. \$6,867.31 in the account. All checks have cleared and there is no outstanding balance. Treasurer's Written Report was filed to the Chair. Tom Sorensen made a motion to approve. Lorraine Bank seconded. Group voice vote, approved.

**Special Orders:** Election of a new Vice-Chair. Alice Dahl nominated Rosemary Swank. Jessica Messler seconded. Rosemary accepted the nomination. Nominations were declared closed as no other nominations were made. Rosemary Swank was elected by a unanimous voice vote.

**New Business:**

**Labor Day Parade** Tom Sorensen made a motion to not participate in the Labor Day Parade. There was no second. Jill Murr stated that she was waiting to see what was determined at this meeting to see how her campaign would proceed with the parade. Tom Sorensen made a new motion to form a Parade Committee. Carol Sorensen seconded. Melissa Lauridsen volunteered to head the committee.

**Labor Day Pork Chop Booth Update** given by Melissa Lauridsen. A proposed budget form was submitted and purchases of up to \$1,200.00 for the event have been requested by the committee. Tom Sorensen made a motion to approve. Carol Sorensen seconded. Approved by group voice vote.

Tom Sorensen made a motion to have the Tri-Creek Republican Committee make a \$200.00 donation to the **Trump Legal Fund**. Lorraine seconded. Discussion was opened. Melissa Lauridsen requested if there was an official donation link or website, to ensure the funds would reach the appropriate destination. Carol Sorensen suggested tabling the motion to further research the proper destination for the funds. Dan Blankenship stated that the purpose of the TCRC is to support local candidates and that he would donate his personal money to the cause, but doesn't believe Committee funds should be used for this purpose and other group members agreed. Vote was taken by a show of hands. Motion did not carry. Group members stated they were willing to donate privately, if a reputable website could be found.

Taki Floutsis from the "**Institute for Quality Education**" and "**My School Options**" spoke to the group and answered questions concerning school choice in Indiana.

Hamza Sahli from the **Jim Banks for Senate campaign** spoke about the Banks campaign and informed the group on how to get involved in the campaign.

Clarissa Fuller asked Jessica Messler to give a brief overview of what was discussed at the **Chairmen and Leadership meeting for the Lake County Republican Party**.

Jessica Messler also discussed with the group the new appointments for **Precinct Committeemen and Vice-Precinct Committeemen for Tri-Creek.**

Participation in the **Fall Fire Flannel Festival** was discussed. September 15-16, 2023. \$120.00 fee for two days and \$75.00 fee for one day of participation. Dan Blankenship recommended that the group only participate on Saturday. Discussion was tabled.

**Constitution Day/Pork Chop Dinner:** Jessica Messler made a motion to cancel the fundraiser event for this year due to the number of fundraisers/volunteers needed for the month of September. Dan Blankenship seconded. Approved by group voice vote.

**Announcements:**

- LeAnn Angerman has been appointed as the new Vice-Chairwoman of the Lake County Republican Party.
- Jessica Messler was appointed as the new Executive Director of the Lake County Republican Party.

**Adjournment:**

Lorraine Bank moved that the meeting be adjourned and Dan Blankenship seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Secretary Signature

*Jessica Messler*

