

TRI-CREEK
REPUBLICAN
COMMITTEE

Draft Minutes

Date: July 31, 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 July 31, 2023 at the Lowell Community Center. It began at 5:47 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: 17

Lorraine Bank, Dorothy Eich, Alice Dahl, Heidi Laub, Clarissa Fuller, Rosemary Swank, Melissa Lauridsen, Jessica Messler, LeAnn Angerman, Todd Angerman, Jill Murr, Dan Blankenship, Deborah Schroeder, Mike Gruzka, Paul Panczuk, Bob Schantz, and Sandi Schantz

Guests in attendance: 9

Catherine Johnson, Georgeanne Van, Hamza Sahli, Leslie Dallner, Biljana M., Shelia Madjeki, Susan Drexler, Mark Drexler, & Andy Anderson

Voting members not in attendance: 5

Shad Whisler, Carl Eich, Amber Gunningham, Rick Niemeyer, and Shane Tucker

Officers Reports:

Approval of Minutes/Secretary Report: Motion to approve was made by Melissa Lauridsen. Motion was seconded by Paul Panczuk. Group voice vote, approved.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Melissa Lauridsen. \$6,867.31 in the account. There is an outstanding balance of \$250.00 to the Lowell Labor Day Festival. Treasurer's Written Report was filed to the Chair. Lorraine Bank made a motion to approve. Alice Dahl seconded. Group voice vote, approved.

Unfinished Business:

Labor Day Parade Update from Committee (Melissa, Clarissa, Jill, Catherine, & Anita): Committee has decided not to have a float in the Labor Day Parade. Mike Gruzka and Jill Murr will be doing their own floats and will need volunteers. Jessica Messler made a motion to donate \$250.00 to each candidate to allow them to spend the money on items they need for the Parade. Melissa Lauridsen seconded. Group voice vote, approved.

Labor Day Pork Chop Booth Update: Affairs are in order. Items are being purchased. All is on track. Motion was made by Dorothy Eich to have a \$10 meal price that includes a pork chop, water, and a bag of chips and also a pork chop only option for \$8. No individual purchases of water/chips are possible. Sandi Schantz seconded. Group voice vote, approved. *Note:* \$1200.00 Approved for this event, \$300.00 used as of current. \$900 dollars left to use.

Fall Flannel Fest Participation: Group has decided to participate on both September 15 & 16, 2023. Group will need to provide a \$75.00 gift basket for the event. Dorothy Eich has volunteered to provide this basket on behalf of the TCRC. Jessica Messler made a motion to participate in both days of the event. Heidi Laub seconded. Group voice vote, one dissention. Motion Passed.

New Business:

Speaker: Leslie Dallner spoke on "Legislative Bills that will Affect our Communities." Ms. Dallner addressed water increases from Indiana Water Company, SEA 4, Emergency Power bill, \$9.2 million wind energy "Grid Reliance Program" (SEA 390), Vehicle Data Dashboard, among other issues.

By-Laws Committee: Tabled/unnecessary at this time

Candidate Assistance: LeAnn Angerman made a motion for TCRC to donate \$2,000.00 each to Mike Gruzka and Jill Murr. Dan Blankenship seconded. Discussion opened. Some members felt as though this amount was too much given TCRC's current financial situation. This motion was in addition to the \$500.00 previously voted on to give the candidates for the Labor Day Parade during the meeting. Mike Gruzka declined the \$2000.00 for his campaign stating that Jill Murr should receive the money, as he is running unopposed. Motion was amended to state: New total of \$1,500.00 to be given to Jill Murr. \$1,000.00 will be paid out now and \$500.00 will be paid out after the Fall Flannel Fest. Dan Blankenship seconded. Group voice vote, approved.

Length of Meeting Discussion: Susan Drexler made a motion to move the meeting time from 6-7 PM with the option for a 30-minute social hour following the meeting. Paul Panczuk seconded. Group discussion was conducted. Many in the group feel that the meetings are too long in length and

requested that the time be shortened. Members also did not approve of the timeline for meetings that was sent out with the last agenda. Group voice vote, approved. Meetings will be from 6-7 PM beginning on August 21, 2023.

Announcements:

- Jill Murr and Mike Gruzka both need people to walk with them in the Lowell Labor Day Parade.
- Next month

Adjournment:

Melissa Lauridsen moved that the meeting be adjourned and Heidi Laub seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Secretary Signature

Jessica Messler

