

The Wyoming County Republican Committee met May 23, 2023 at the Moose Lodge Picnic Pavilion, Tunkhannock. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Davis Haire and Rick Wilbur led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was via sign-in showing 33 total present including members, guests, and friends. The April minutes were approved. The Treasurer's report, submitted by Ashley Darby, showed a reconciled main account balance of \$30,998.81 and debit card account balance of \$531.00.

#### Old Business

- Becca McClain reported on the successful April 26 Capitol Bus Trip to Harrisburg. All participants enjoyed the trip and the enthusiastic welcome from our hosts Lisa Baker and Tina Pickett. Donna DePue had group photos, printed courtesy of Lisa Baker, to hand out to all who went on the trip.
- Davis reported on the results of the May Primary. The four endorsed judges won against their primary challengers. The high rate of under votes, 33%, was concerning, however, and must be avoided in the fall. A discussion of how to address this unfortunate voter behavior, mail-in voting, and data mining to focus our voter outreach efforts followed.
- Davis reported on the three local candidate Meet-n-Greet events held prior to Primary Day. Davis thanked all those who participated. Despite the low attendance at the events, they still advanced our mission.

#### New Business

- Becca McClain reported on the assembly times for the upcoming Memorial Day parade in Tunkhannock. 9am behind Curry Donuts for the 10am start. \$500 was approved for the parade candy toss.
- Will Eggleston will be taking over Founders Day responsibilities for the June 24 event and will be requesting candidate signs.
- Rick Wilbur reported on the July 21 Golf Tournament at Shadowbrook, 10:30 shotgun start. He reported Shadowbrook was still the best venue for the tournament because of cost and capacity to host 30+ teams. He reported our tournament was still the most affordable in the area despite the \$10 raise in team fee. Dinner will be \$30. Sale of the \$50 signs is still our best fundraising opportunity and Rick encouraged all to actively recruit folks to buy a sign. Funds raised will support a regional ad buy for the statewide judges' campaigns. The charity recipient for this year's tournament was discussed, with Joe Peters suggesting a kids fishing event in Nicholson, but no decision was made.
- Becca McClain reminded members of the Thursday, August 3 Triton Parade with line up at 6 pm at the Middle School on Harrison Street. A discussion of higher candidate visibility followed. Davis impressed the group on how important this popular Wyoming County event was for inviting candidates to participate.
- Donna DePue reminded members about our Fair Booth and requested volunteer sign-ups for the August 30 through Sep. 3 event.

Guest candidates seeking election were present. They were given opportunity to say a few words. Those present were: Bob Roberts - sheriff, Cindy Adams - prothonotary, Rick Wilbur - County Commissioner, Ashley Darby and Judy Shupp - Auditor.

The next meeting will be June 20, 2023 at the Moose Lodge. Adjournment followed at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jeannette Kitlan (substituting for Patti Mead)