

Minutes – November 9, 2022 Shiawassee Dems party monthly meeting.

Welcome and Call to Order at 7:04 p.m.: Chair Janet Kiley

All - Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of silence for people less fortunate.

Roll Call of Officers: All present except for treasurer Aaron Ray: secretary – Becky Perry

Native American Acknowledgment Statement –

Virtual Meeting Attendees: (4) Steve Perry, Pat Witt, Jean Knowlton, Jerry Siddock

Person Attendees: (27) Ann Arwin, Bus Spaniola, Carol Spaniola, Noah Weitzner, Linda Anderson, Kristen Babel, Makayla Zelker, Pamea Drake, Laurie Cook, Paul Cook, Laurel Robb, Paul Ray, Becky Perry, Cheryl Stevens, Patty VanLuven, Tyler Corbin, Janet Horvath, Janet Kiley, Janae Fear, Jan Ray, Tony Karhoff, Brian True, Don Suprenant, Kirk Rheame, Brian True

Janet mentioned the agenda and that there is no chair's report this time. She asked if there were questions. Bus Spaniola made a motion to approve both the agenda as well as the minutes from July. Tony Karhoff seconded. All ayes.

Treasurer's Report:

Janae presented the treasurer's report. Chris Clissold motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Kirk Rheame motioned to second. All ayes.

Unfinished business:

- a. Janet invited candidates to speak:

Noah Weitzner: He spoke about the campaign and how they thought it was going to be very marginal when they started this, but they ended up winning by 20,000 votes. We were projected to get 35% of Shiawassee County and ended up getting almost 43%.

Mark Zacharda spoke about his campaign and how he feels that he made small, incremental change. He feels the campaign made him a better person.

Anthony Karhoff: he spoke of feeling like it was important that we didn't let them run unopposed on the ticket, it was important that we had a candidate. He states that it is important that we use this to build on in the future.

Janae Fear: she spoke of a mix-up with polling numbers from the county and they had posted numbers and then pulled them. She spoke of the county we live in and how even prop 3 did not pass in Shiawassee County. Owosso School Board elections had Ochodnicky, Henne, Mowen, and Quick. Jan Ray stated that Corunna school board election outcome went with younger people who have kids in school.

- b. Janet spoke about yard signs and how to recycle them or if candidates want to keep them to run again.

### New Business:

- a. Janet spoke of rule that we have to have our county convention within 20 days of the election. An executive decision was made to hold this meeting on 11/28. We need to have certain attendees there and Janet listed those off. She states she will send out an email to the people we need there. We will hold the meeting via zoom. Discussion ensued about this. There is also a need for a county committee meeting to elect the new executive committee. We will have more information about that, but if anyone is thinking about wanting to be an officer of the executive committee, get in contact with us. We have tentative dates for the county committee meeting: 12/9 and 12/20.
- a. We will possibly have a garage sale/auction to get rid of furniture as we need to be out of this office space by the end of December.
- b. December 14<sup>th</sup> is our regular meeting time and that is going to be our Christmas party.

### Committee Reports:

- a. Rules and Bylaws: NR
- a. Community Outreach: Janet Horvath spoke of food delivery, thanked everyone for helping.
- b. Membership and Candidate Recruitment Committee: Ann Arwin spoke of 60 paid memberships to the state democratic party. She spoke of how we really want participation. She spoke of needs she gets met by being a democrat and could we use that to reach out to others to meet their needs by being democrats.
- c. Rural Caucus Committee-NR
- d. Finance and Fundraising:NR
- e. Ad hoc committee: Janet Kiley spoke of how great the letter writing committee went and how many letters to the editor there were in the papers.
- f. Extra-Party reports: NR

### Good and Welfare:

- a. Tony Karhoff said good job to everyone.
- b. Bus Spaniola said that the reason that Elissa Slotkin did so well here is that she communicated that she was trying to find out what she could do to help them. The other point he wanted to make is that other candidates built a foundation. They can run again and build up from that foundation they laid and ask people what you can do to help them. If you show them you care about them, you can turn them around.

Adjourn: Motion made to adjourn by Ann Arwin and seconded by Lance. All ayes. Adjourned at 8:21 pm

Submitted by Becky Perry