

Minutes – March 8, 2023 Shiawassee Dems Party Monthly Meeting

Welcome and Call to Order at 7:05 p.m.: Chair Stephen Schlaack

All - Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of silence for members of the military and those that can't be here with us.

Roll Call of Officers: All present: recording secretary – Becky Perry

Native American Acknowledgment Statement – read by Laurie Cook

Virtual Meeting Attendees: (17) Becky Perry, Stephen Schlaack, Bill Workman, Bus Spaniola, Carol Spaniola, Paul Ray, Jan Ray, Aaron Ray, Laurie Cook, Paul Cook, Cheryl Farver, Bailey Leppert, Mark Zacharda, Kristen Babel, Patty VanLuven, Linda, Lloyd, Janae Fear

Stephen spoke of agenda for the meeting. Bus Spaniola made a motion to approve the agenda. Aaron Ray seconded. All ayes. Stephen spoke of the minutes and how they are up on the website. Bus Spaniola made a motion to approve, Paul Ray seconded. All ayes.

Treasurer's Report:

Aaron presented the treasurer's report. He explains that we put a security deposit down to ensure we can have Durand Union Station as the venue for Pasta & Politics. As of March 5, the administrative account had \$1,003.56 General account had \$582.73 with \$5 in savings for a total of \$1,591.29. Bus Spaniola motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Mark Zacharda motioned to second. All ayes.

Chair's Report: Stephen spoke of how the chairs call is later in the month. He spoke of scaling up organization of the party. He spoke of attending an event for Representative Slotkin and excitement building around that.

Old Business:

- a. Recap: MDP State Convention
Bailey spoke of going to the women's caucus. She spoke of hearing Elissa Slotkin speak of support from women. Bailey also went to the rural caucus and they are holding a summit in St. Ignace and inviting leaders from rural areas to attend.
Aaron spoke of attending the veteran's caucus. Stephen spoke of joining the 7th district wide meeting.

New Business:

- a. Bailey spoke of how we are still putting together the look-out program so if you attend any local meeting, send anything you have to Bailey.

Committee Reports:

- a. Rules and Bylaws: NR
- b. Community Outreach: Laurie Cook spoke of food drive, dropping off items to Janet Horvath's house. Camel races this Saturday, she spoke of decorating this last weekend, showed pictures.
- c. Membership and Candidate Recruitment Committee: community mapping event with Ann A.
- d. Rural Caucus Committee-NR
- e. Finance and Fundraising: registration page for Pasta and Politics is up and running on website. Durand Union Station ballroom is the event venue. Deposit used will allow us to serve alcohol. Keynote speaker is Elissa Slotkin. We have other reached out to Penelope and Sam Singh about attending the event. Someone has also reached out to Dana Nessel and Debbie Stabenow's office said "maybe" on her attendance. Roma's is available and willing to do the April 14th. Mark Zacharda spoke of hosting some kind of fundraiser event at his family's pottery studio. He will follow up with a couple of options for dates. Discussion ensued about cost of pasta and politics fundraiser if we have alcohol. Aaron encourages discussion and a vote on whether there should be alcohol or not. Paul made a motion and Aaron seconded to have no alcohol at Pasta and Politics.
- f. Ad hoc committee:
- h. Extra-Party reports: NR

Good and Welfare:

- a. Cheryl Farver spoke of Voters Not Politicians trying to get someone to be a liaison for Begole.
- b. On the back page of the agenda is the contact information of the executive team and you can contact someone if you are interested in joining us at the camel races.
- c. We are looking for people who are willing to help with desserts for P & P. Cheryl listed off 7 people who are signed up for bringing desserts already.
- d. Stephen spoke of giving a shout out for our social media pages and how great Bailey and Emily have done on those.

Adjourn: Motion made to adjourn by Laurie Cook and seconded by Mark Zacharda. All ayes.
Adjourned at 8:11 pm

Submitted by Becky Perry