



Shiawassee County Democratic Party

Regular Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2021

Virtual Zoom

- CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Mark Zacharda
Pledge of allegiance and moment of silence
- PRESENT:** EXECUTIVE TEAM ROLL CALL: Mark Zacharda, Chair; Janet Kiley, Vice Chair; Aaron Ray, Treasurer; Robert Doran Brockway, Secretary
- MEMBERS:** Bus Spaniola, Carol Spaniola, Cheryl Stevenson, Lura Archer, Paul Ray, Jan Ray, Sylvia Avsharian, Erin Chavez, Jeanne Mumm, Joanne Carlson, Eric Locker, Tyler Corbin, Kimberly Baltimore, Gary Jones, Patricia Van Luwen, Brian True, Ashley Allison, Marion Groton, Susan Doty
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Bus Spaniola moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion supported by Laura Archer. Ayes all; motion carried unanimously.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Bus Spaniola moved to approve the minutes from February 10 as presented. Motion supported by Laura Archer. Ayes all; motion carried unanimously.
- TREASURER'S REPORT:** Laura Archer moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion supported by Tyler Corbin. Ayes all; motion carried unanimously.
- CHAIR'S REPORT:** The following topics were discussed:
Native American Land Acknowledgement was read
American Rescue Plan moving forward
Voter Protection Training
Year Anniversary of Covid – turn on porch lights at 8:00 pm March 10
- COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Committee formation and reports to be discussed at the April 14 meeting.
- UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Chair Mark Zacharda reviewed highlights of the MDP Spring Convention **ShiaDems Strategic Plan 2021 Presentation** by Secretary Robert Dornan Brockway. The presentation was favorably received. Robert will finalize the document according to suggestions. Plan for April 14 meeting for final membership approval.
- NEW BUSINESS:** A. Young Dems guests – Sec. Robert Dornan Brockway introduced a number of new Democrat attendees of a younger generation
B. Upcoming Party Events:
a. Janet Horvath will be accepting food donations for the Quarterly Food Drive Sun. April 18 at 9:00 a.m.
b. Shia Dems Roadside Clean-up is scheduled Sat. April 17 9a.m.-12 noon.
- GUEST SPEAKER:** In honor of Women's History Month, Secretary Robert Doran-Brockway invited Regina Pinney, the Executive Director of Non-Profit Network in Farmington, Mi, to be our guest speaker. Regina has worked in and supports the predominantly female oriented non-

profit sector, sits on several board of directors providing a diverse voice, volunteers for an organization who advocates for women's issues and to get women elected, and previously owned a consulting business while raising a family. Regina discussed not only how important it is to have female voices at the table, but the need to support these voices and protect against fatigue and burnout.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- Update from Gary Jones, Gov. Whitmer's Communications rep for Shiawassee area.
- Laura Archer: YMCA and local area restaurants are partnering to deliver prepared food to those in need.
- Janet Kiley: there is a new recycling center planned for the Laingsburg and surrounding community. The Greater Laingsburg Recyclers are taking donations at their GoFundMe page. (Donations are being matched 1:1 through April).

ADJOURN:

Bus Spaniola motioned to adjourn at 8:15. Motion supported by Cheryl Stevenson. Ayes all; motion carried unanimously.