Minutes

October 17, 2023, Birmingham Bloomfield Area Democratic Club

Bloomfield Township Hall

Call to order by the Chair 7:04pm/Roll Call of Officers

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Debbie Rosenman. Officers present include: Debbie Rosenman (Chair), Emery Pence (Vice Chair), Cynthia Shaw (Corresponding Secretary), Andrew Corey (Recording Secretary), Corinne Shoop (Trustee). Absent Board members: Libby Dzurka and Juergen Wiesenberger.

Approval of Agenda: Discussion (Passed)

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Chair Report for Tuesday, October 17, 2023

What a time we are living in right now! Please take care of your mental health, while we are witnessing so much strife around the world and here in our own Congress. Welcome to those new folks who have found our club and are here for the first time. We are delighted to have you join our community.

I have a few announcements before the meeting begins.

- 1. If you haven't already, please be sure to vote in the November 7th local elections. See our recent email for our recommendations for Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and the Bloomfield Hills School District.
- 2. Mark your calendar for an important Kick Off Rally on Sunday, November 12th at 1:00 at the OCDP Office Building on 12 Mile Road in Southfield. See the flyer at the check-in table and announcement in our upcoming email.
- 3. We are very much looking forward to our Club Holiday Gathering on Tuesday, December 19th. It will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Birmingham Community House in downtown Birmingham. Remember how much fun it was to be there last November? Please join us! It will be a time to gather, socialize and enjoy the season together, especially before we start all the work of 2024!

Our Executive Board elections will take place at our next club meeting on Tuesday, November 21st. All positions are open, but we have incumbents running for most of the positions. We also have folks interested in running for the two open positions of Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary. To vote next month, you will need to be a paid club member AND a member of the Michigan Democratic Party no later than this Saturday.

Chair Debbie Rosenman gave the Treasurer's Report.

Chair Debbie Rosenman introduced Board member Emery Pence to give reports on the Political Influencer's Committee and the Student Internship Committee. Both clubs are very active, and a student representative was present at the meeting.

New Business:

Chairperson Debbie Rosenman introduced Roslyn Ogburn and Victor Jimenz from Michigan League of Conservation Voters to speak about environmental issues.

Chairperson Debbie Rosenman introduced Diane Young, Congressional Candidate for 10th District.

Chairperson Debbie Rosenman introduced Corinne Shoop, Club Trustee, to speak about our Bylaws.

Good and Welfare:

Wendy Friedman is running for Birmingham Library Board, and it is a contested seat. She asks for Club support to earn the Board membership.

Members are reminded to vote on November 7, if applicable in your community.

Members are reminded about Board Elections next month.

Our December meeting is a Holiday Gathering on December 19 at the Birmingham Community house at 6:30pm.

Meeting next month is on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 7:00pm Bloomfield Township Hall, 4200 Telegraph South of Long Lake Road, with socializing at 6:30pm. Speakers with be Pamela Pugh, President of the MI Board of Education, and Jim Nash, Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner. Board elections will be held.

Those Present:	Gerrie Barclay	Linda Barclay	Howard Baron
Barbara Borden	Chris Chanko	Margie Demaria	Becca Goodman
Juliet Hentschel	Anne Honhart	Victor Jimenz	Fred Newton
Terri O'Brien	Roslyn Ogburn	Erika Rice	Paul Stoychoff
Gail Whitty	Diane Young	Linda Zlotoff	(18 + 5=23 in attendance)

Motion to adjourn. Adjourned, 8:24 p.m. Duly Submitted,
Andrew Corey
Recording Secretary