

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD AREA DEMS

August 20, 2024

MINUTES

Chair, Debbie Rosenman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Roll Call:

Present: Chair: Debbie Rosenman, Vice Chair: Emery Pence, Treasurer: Libby Dzrika
Recording Secretary: Corinne Shoop, Corresponding Secretary Dave Goodman; and
Trustee Juergen Wiesenberger. Absent: Trustee: Nessa Fuller

The agenda was accepted as posted without objection.

The minutes from the June meeting were approved and accepted as posted.

Chair Report: Chair Debbie Rosenman

The Chair welcomed the attendees asking: “Anyone catch the first night of the Democratic Convention last night?” It is a WHOLE different presidential race than it was a month ago! The excitement is palpable and growing with each day. We all must do what we can to help Kamala Harris and Tim Walz win on November 5th. Look in our biweekly newsletters for ways to get engaged. Rikki Goldman will be talking about that in our agenda tonight.

The focus of our meeting tonight is on School Boards. With all the excitement about the top of the ticket, we can’t forget how important it is to support the down ballot races as well. Our school board members are tasked with running our local public schools. Whether we have children in our neighborhood schools or not, we ALL need to support the education of our youth. Thanks for coming to hear from the candidates tonight.

Please know that our club is walking again in the Franklin Labor Day Parade on September 2nd at 11:30. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the room. Come join us!

By now, you must have seen the sign up for yard signs in our newsletter. Thanks for your patience in waiting to get this program in full swing. We are waiting for signs from several campaigns. The best way to ensure you get the yard signs you want to is to fill out the Google form we provided. Signs are on their way!

We are going to watch the time tonight so we can finish no later than 8:30. That way we can leave to get home to watch Day 2 of the Convention. Remember that you can catch whatever you miss on Youtube as well.

Treasurer's Report:

The Chair gave the Treasurer Report in the Treasurer's absence. There are two accounts: the general account and the PAC account. The general account is used to pay for expenses to operate the club. We encourage donations to both accounts, especially in an election year.

Committee Reports:

Precinct Delegate Committee:

Chair Allen Wolf, gave the following report:

The Primary is over. We have 153 official Precinct Delegates—that is 10 more than we had in 2022.

Wow. A lot has happened since I last addressed this group. Precinct Delegates are stepping up by attending a rally for Joe Biden and then a few weeks later for Kamala Harris. They have been at events with the Governor, with Elissa Slotkin and many, many others. They have been turning out to canvas for Shadia Martini too.

Our biggest effort has been texting. Over 7500 targeted text messages have been sent. Our current campaign is targeted at Democrats who don't vote regularly to encourage them to sign up for the Permanent Absentee Voter Registry. Before the Primary we texted our support for Jim Nash and Nicole Huddleston and as you probably know, they both won their Primary battles.

We still have 14 turfs that are not covered for canvassing. So, if you know of someone who may want to volunteer, please send them our way!

We will be conducting canvassing training by zoom on Sept 9 on Zoom. Then our big kickoff for in-person canvassing will be held later in September as we kick off our in-person canvasses. At that time PDs will receive their name badges and canvassing materials.

We have an amazing committee of professionals working on the 2024 Voter Guide which will be provided to the PDs for distribution and will be available on the club website as well.

We have an amazing, talented group of Precinct Delegates who will be supplemented by volunteers. They are excited and ready to deliver Michigan for Kamala Harris and the whole Democratic ticket.

Postcard Writing Committee/Student Intern Committee:

Emery Pence, the Chair reported that there is presently no postcard campaign. The MDP is winding down.

He is also continuing to get lawn signs. Please sign up on the Google form in the newsletter.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Guest speakers:

-Birmingham School Board Candidates:

Amy Hochkammer, Jenn Rass and Jason Tejani introduced themselves and their backgrounds and interest in being elected to the school board. There are 3 open positions and 4 candidates.

-Bloomfield Hills School Board Candidates:

Michelle Southward, Siva Kumar and Jason Abel introduced themselves. There are 3 open positions.

-Oakland County Community College Trustees:

Adam Duberstein and Dwayne Brown introduced themselves. There are 7 candidates for 2 positions.

-Rikki Goldman from the One Campaign: She spoke about the various opportunities to canvas, phone bank and join in other activities with the One Campaign.

Endorsement Vote by Members:

The Club membership unanimously voted to accept the following endorsements of the Board:

1. Adopt the endorsements of the Oakland County Democratic Party for county wide races Including: all county leader, commissioners, 6th Circuit Court, Probate Court, 2nd District Michigan Court of Appeals, and Oakland County Community College Trustees. Also, adopt the endorsements of the state level candidates made at the Michigan Democratic Party Convention. This would include: college boards, state board of education and Michigan State Supreme Court.

2. Bloomfield Township Library Board: Dani Gilman, Keith Carduner, Judy Lindstrom, Joan Luksik, Joy Murray and Shane Spradlin

3. Bloomfield Township Clerk: Martin Brook
4. Southfield Township Clerk: Eileen Harryvan
5. Birmingham School Board: Amy Hochkammer, Jenn Rass, Jason Tejani
6. 46th District Court Judge: Robin Dillard-Russaw
7. Give the Board proxy vote power for further endorsements of proposals, Township races and Bloomfield School Board.

Announcements and Good and Welfare:

-Rasha Demashkieh introduced herself. She is running to be one of two Democratic candidates running for the Wayne State Board of Governors.

-Will Clemans spoke about a program to get out the youth vote.

-Todd Davis spoke about the Macomb County Congressional candidate, Clint St. Mosely.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The September meeting will be Tuesday September 17, 2024 (third Tuesday of the month) at 6:30 pm. at the Township Hall. The speakers will be judicial and township candidates along with Chris Ward, to talk about the Oakland County Parks Proposal on the Nov. ballot.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

(Attendees on next page)

Attendees at August 20, 2024 Meeting

Jason and Leah Abel

Howard Baron

Dwayne Brown

Nikki Casady

Chris Chanko

Ying and Heather Chen

Will Clemans

Michael Clift

Mike Corbin

Todd Davis

Rasha Demashkieh

George Dilgard

Nancy Doughty

Adam Duberstein

Libby Dzurka

Lisa Efros

Michael Fayz

Wendy Friedman

Rikki Goldman

Dave Goodman

Betty Graham

Richard Grinstein

Amy Hochkammer

Teresa Honnold

Miriam Imerman

Paul Jacobs

Jaxson Kaplan-Rudolph

Mary K. Kastens

Siva Kumar

Diane Luscombe

Catherine Martin

Shadia Martini

Jennifer Matlow

Chris McKenna

Victoria Middleton

Val Murray

Fred Newton

Emery and Linda Pence

Mary Perfitt-Nelson

Rakesh Ramakrishnan

Jennifer Rass

Judy Robinson

Emily Rollins

Debbie Rosenman

Bridget Schipper

Sandy Shaya

Corinne Shoop

Carolyn Silverstein

Michelle Southward

Craig Spangler

Jacquie Stevenson

Clint St. Mosley

Marti Szilagyi

Nancy Taylor

Jason Tejani

Cynthia Van Oeyen

Amy and Jeff Voigt

Deborah Wahl

Jan Wanetick

Juergen Wiesenberger

Allen Wolf

Keri Zhao

Linda Zlotoff

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