

Minutes

June 15, 2021, Birmingham Bloomfield Democratic Club

Call to Order by the Chair 7:01pm/Roll Call of Officers

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Debbie Rosenman. Officers who were present include: Evan Brook (Vice Chair), Gail Whitty (Treasurer), Charles Gaba (Corresponding Secretary), Corinne Shoop (Trustee).

Approval of Agenda – Discussion (Passed)

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes – Discussion (Passed)

Report of the Chair:

Chair's Report: Debbie Rosenman

We are coming toward the end of the state legislative schedule. Budget negotiations continue to go on and hopefully we will see resolution soon. The push to pass the Republican 39 bill package that attacks our voting rights also continues. We must stay vigilant in fighting against them. Find a phone bank opportunity on the ocdp.org website under the "Take Action" tab where you would be calling other Democrats who live in neighboring senate districts to have them call their Republican senators to protest these voter suppression bills.

Meanwhile the Michigan Redistricting Commission came to our area last week and many of us went to testify in person. You can always submit your written comments online at michigan.gov/micrc until the end of the month. Focus on telling them to create fair districts. That is the message we want coming through loud and clear.

Next week, on Monday June 21st at 5:30, we are excited to host our PD in the 3D event at Beverly Park from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This will be a wonderful event where we can be together outdoors at last! We are expecting to have many elected officials and Democratic leaders in attendance. The fact that so many leaders are joining us shows the commitment they have to our precinct delegates and volunteers. Refreshments will be served. PLEASE RSVP to allenwolf@yahoo.com so we have a count.

Treasurer's Report: It was reported by Gail Whitty that the club has more total members than the last meeting (145) as well as a finance report given to the club members present.

Committee Reports

- **PD Committee** - Allen Wolf reported on efforts to recruit new PDs and introduced new Precinct Delegate pins. 6 new PDs and 10 new volunteers since May meeting. Members are urged to keep recruiting.
- **OCDP** – Kelly Dillaha reported on the club's relationship and collaborative efforts with OCDP (OCDP.org). There are currently events sponsored to support Juneteenth events including one in West Bloomfield.

New Business: Chair Debbie Rosenman noted here that the BB Dems have an Executive Board vacancy. The nomination of Member Andrew Corey for Recording Secretary was made by the chair. Put to a vote, the nomination of Member Andrew Corey for Recording Secretary was affirmed and approved by a majority of the voting club members present at this meeting (**Passed**).

Introduction of Guest Speaker by Chair Debbie Rosenman

Martin Bergstrom, Director of Data and Analytics, MDP

Martin joined BB Dems to discuss local 2020 election data, providing thorough analysis and even taking questions from inquisitive Dems. Highlights include:

- “Massive” turnout in 2020 for Democrats. We were 6 points above 2016 in terms of turnout. Keep up the great work!
- Our geographic area had higher than average turnout.
- Michigan saw elevated numbers of engaged young voters.
- Net vote gain of ~6,000 votes for our area.
- Participant question and group discussion regarding best modes of contacting voters. One-on-one conversations with neighbors and friends showed most efficacy, followed by: “Random” door knocks, phone calls to friends and family, texting, and mailings.
- Focus is on **engagement**. Martin defined engagement as having conversations.
- It was asked if group engagement is also helpful, and it was confirmed.
- Haley Alderman at MDP is a contact for party planning (HAlderman@MichiganDems.org)
- We look forward to welcoming Martin again next Spring as we will have new district lines drawn and can ask informed questions based on those districts’ lines.

Mona DeQuis, Field Organizer, MDP

Field Organizer Mona DeQuis reported again on the phone banks for State Senators we as a club are asking for members to get involved with and also reiterated the efforts we must take to focus on **engagement**.

Good and Welfare

- 1.) Corresponding Secretary Charles Gaba noted the impending SCOTUS ruling re: PPACA in California v. Texas.
- 2.) Dana Fortier informed Members that OCDP Trivia Night is back on, and information can be found at OCDP.org (\$15/person or \$50 for a table of up to 5)
- 3.) Linda Zlotoff raised the issue of immigration policy, and a discussion was had on who may be an appropriate speaker for the event. Rep. Andy Levin’s name was mentioned for this speaker role possibly sometime next year.
- 4.) Howard Baron noted the County Commission’s efforts led by Dave Woodward on the topic of redistricting.
- 5.) Chair Debbie Rosenman again reminded Members that Tues. July 13 is our outdoor event at Beverly Park, 18801 Beverly Road, Beverly Hills -- 5:30 pm-7:30pm with state senator Mallory

McMorrow discussing Electric Vehicles and many other local Democratic leaders expected in attendance. Register on our website at bbdems.org

List of those present:

Debbie Rosenman, Evan Brook, Gail Whitty, Charles Gaba, Andrew Corey, Corinne Shoop, Nessa Feller, Margaret Brooks, Martin Brook, Mona DeQuis, Emery Pence, Maria Marcotte, Mike Whitty, John Owens, Debra Quenaudon, Frederick Simms, Rhonda Rhodes-Grant, Allen Wolf, Larry Lipton, Kelly Dillaha, Bridget Schipper, Linda Zlotoff, Diane Brody, Howard Baron, Rose Burke, Barbara Borden, Dana Fortier, Lisa Efros, Lisa Peers, Mandy Garver, Prashanth Balusu

Motion to adjourn. Adjourned, 8:05PM.

Duly submitted,

Andrew Corey
Recording Secretary