

Minutes

December 21, 2021, Birmingham Bloomfield Democratic Club

Call to order by the Chair 7:05pm/Roll Call of Officers

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Debbie Rosenman. Officers present include: Debbie Rosenman (Chair), Emery Pence (Vice Chair), Gail Whitty (Treasurer), Andrew Corey (Recording Secretary), Charles Gaba (Corresponding Secretary), Corinne Shoop (Trustee), Nicole Bedi (Trustee).

Approval of Minutes—Discussion (Passed)

Approval of Agenda—Discussion (Passed)

Report of the Chair:

It is hard to believe we are at the end of 2021 already. This year has been challenging in so many ways, but we should celebrate getting through it! We have 2022 to look forward to and it will be a very important year politically. Our new districts will be in place and that will mean new representatives and senators for many of us. Thanks to everyone who commented on the proposed maps and got involved in the process. It made a big difference. Stay tuned as we will help everyone know how that turns out. We will have much to do to be sure to reelect our state leaders-Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson and Attorney General Dana Nessel, our featured speaker tonight.

In January, we will have the chance to meet in person at the Bloomfield Township Hall on Telegraph Road. It will be our Membership Kick-off Meeting with food served. Come ready to jump into the action we will need to take to make 2022 successful. Bring any new children's books to donate. Precinct Delegates can have their affidavits notarized that night too. We haven't been together since this past summer, and we are looking forward to seeing one another again. Hope you all come!

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Gail Whitty gave a Treasurer's report.

Precinct Delegate Committee Report – Emery Pence on behalf of Allen Wolf:

We will fill every one of our 153 Precinct Delegate slots for 2022. That's our goal. It won't be easy, but it is critical. PDs are our ground game. It is how we win elections. To get there, we will need everyone here to help.

First, you should be a Precinct Delegate if you aren't already. We will be asking each Precinct Delegate to commit to reaching about 100 homes in their neighborhood at least twice during the campaign cycle. That contact might be by phone, by text, by door-drop or most preferably by face-to-face contact. The form of contact will vary based on personal preference and of course the Covid situation.

Aside from running for office yourself, becoming a PD is the most important things you can do to get Democrats elected. So far, we already have 49 commitments for 2022. We have about 60 current PDs who haven't responded yet about running again. We also ask that you commit to finding at least one

other person to become a PD - a relative, a friend, a neighbor. They don't even have to be in our club area. We will get their contact info to the right person.

Anyone willing to help, let Debbie or Allen Wolf know. Allen will continue to be the Precinct Delegate liaison in 2022. We can give you a list of people to solicit. Corrine Shoop will be at the January meeting live and in-person to notarize Affidavits for Precinct Delegate candidates.

The PD Committee hasn't met in a while but will be having its first meeting of 2022 in the second week of January. Please post in the chat if you will be able to be a Precinct Delegate candidate this coming year. You won't regret it.

Postcard Writing Committee Report – Emery Pence:

Please have your existing campaign cards mailed out by January 7. Committee will wait for a little while before beginning next campaign in the new year.

Guest Speaker: Chair Debbie Rosenman introduced Guest Speaker Attorney General Dana Nessel who gave a short speech regarding efforts of her Office and answered a few questions.

Highlights: Settlement with Drug Companies yielded \$825 million for municipalities and state (DHHS and DPOC), Job Court Program, Expungements, Flint Water Crisis Case, Conviction of Clergy, Utility rate decreases, Elde Abuse Task Force, settlement against Maroun Family resulting in bridge construction, Hate Crimes unit, support for Elliot Larsen law, Domestic Terrorism unit, support for Oxford community, Line 5, school vouchers, protecting election workers, etc. Share out AG's posts and videos.

Good and Welfare: Abigail Sokoll – Campaign Manager for State Sen. Mallory McMorrow. Self-introduction and greeting. McMorrow campaign launching campaign apparatus this Spring.

Charles Gaba – Reminder ACA Open Enrollment ongoing availability extended to January 15. Healthcare.gov. Don't wait!!

Meeting next month is on Tuesday, January 18 at Bloomfield Township Hall at 6:30pm. Food will be available for the Membership Drive.

List of Attendees – Diane Anderson, Evan Brook, Marty Brook, Howard Baron, Frederick Simms, Kathleen Sulfaro, Linda Zlotoff, Abigail Sokoll, Beata Lamparski, George Dilgard, Judith Goodman, Lisa Efros, Lucetta Franco, Nancy Bliss, Nessa Feller, Rick Michaels, Terri O'Brien, Harvey Bronstein, Larry and Susan Lipton, Prashanth Balusu, Colleen Crossey, Janice Cohen, Cynthia Shaw.

Motion to adjourn. Adjourned, 8:16 PM.

Duly Submitted,

Andrew Corey
Recording Secretary