

Minutes

May 17, 2022, Birmingham Bloomfield Democratic Club

Call to order by the Chair 7:04 p.m./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), Corrinne Shoop (at-large).

Approval of Agenda: Discussion (Passed)

Approval of Minutes: Discussion (Passed)

Report of the Chair:

Chair Debbie Rosenman gave the following Club Chair Report:

Welcome everyone! It is great to see such a large turnout for our meeting tonight. It shows how committed you all are to be involved and get to know your candidates, especially as our districts have changed since the last elections. We have an extremely helpful page on our website bbdems.org under the "2022 Districts" tab that, organized by precinct, allows you to see what your new districts are and the Democratic candidates running in them. Thanks to Allen Wolf for putting in the many hours of work to create this valuable tool.

Since our last meeting, the SCOTUS document has been leaked and there is much more attention understandably being paid on the issue of reproductive rights. Hopefully, this will bring even more people out to vote in August and November. We know that most Michiganders support this issue. We are in the process of gathering signatures to get a Constitutional Amendment on the ballot. Please encourage people to sign this petition to make it happen. All our petitions are in the back of the room so be sure to sign them.

The rhetoric out in the country, and especially from the current Republican Party in our state, is so troubling, we ALL need to be concerned. Let's turn that angst into action! Sign up to work on candidates' campaigns, talk to your friends and family about how essential it is to vote and vote for Democrats in these upcoming elections and continue attending our monthly meetings to stay informed.

Our next meeting is June 2nd at 6:30 pm here at the same location. It will be a "Youth Issues Forum" with our U.S. Representative Andy Levin and Haley Stevens, led by our high school student interns. Don't miss it!

Our June 21st meeting will feature representatives from four progressive issue referendums that we hope will be on the ballot in November. We will also have judicial candidates speaking. Thanks again for your involvement.

Treasurer's Report: Gail Whitty gave the Treasurer's Report.

Precinct Delegate Committee Report by Allen Wolf:

Greetings Precinct Delegates, Club Members and Other Committed Democrats.

The deadline has passed to get Precinct Delegates on the ballot. However, we have the ability to have people declare as write-in candidates right up until election day. We have just 18 or so turfs that are not yet covered.

A Write-in Candidate Declaration of Intent form is what is used for a write-in candidate. While we want to get those forms completed as soon as possible, the candidate can actually do it at the precinct on the day they go and vote—August 2. But it must be notarized.

Every person who is covering a turf, either as a Precinct Delegate or as a volunteer, should have received an email from me with their turf assignment. They now have a map and a list of names of people they will be responsible for getting to vote for Democrats up and down the ticket in November.

Right now, Precinct Delegates are volunteering to get petition signatures and researching the people on their lists.

Debbie will soon be making a video on how to access and use Wave Michigan. This can be a very useful tool for Precinct Delegates to learn about their voters and to contact their voters. In early June, we will send out another letter of instructions. Included will be a suggested handout that Precinct Delegates will distribute to every Democratic door in their turf. The PD will be able to customize the handout to fit their own situation and message. The key element will be directing voters to the bbdems.org website to learn about the candidates and issues in the Primary.

I attend the board meetings of the DPDOC. At their last meeting on Sunday, the Birmingham Bloomfield Democratic Club along with the Berkley Club received recognition for having the best precinct delegate networks in the County. We really are an awesome club with awesome people. Whatever role you are playing, you are the secret to us winning in 2022.

The pundits say it will be a tough year for Democrats. I can't speak for the rest of the State or Country, but I know this—Birmingham Bloomfield and Southfield Township will deliver the Democratic vote this year thanks to you.

State Senate Candidates Invited to Speak About Candidacies

State Senate District 7 – Jeremy Moss (Incumbent) and Ryan Foster

State Senate District 8 – Mallory McMorrow (Incumbent) and Marshall Bullock

Oakland County Commission Candidates Invited to Speak About Candidacies

County Commission District 9 – Angela Powell (Incumbent) and Mark Holland

County Commission District 19 – Charlie Cavell (Incumbent)

Good and Welfare

Corrinne Shoop – 6:30 Bloomfield Township Library June 28th House Candidate Forum.

Marci Welford – Opportunities available to help canvas for Congresswoman Haley Stevens.

Amanda Shelton – Oakland County Circuit Court Candidacy.

Mayor Kelly Garrett – Lathrup Village Mayor and US House District 12 Candidate.

Christopher Ford – Andy Levin Outreach Director.

State Senator Mallory McMorrow – Opportunities to canvas for candidacy and signup sheet available.

Ken Ferguson – 20th House District Candidacy.

Steele Hughes – 5th House District Candidacy.

Kyra Bolden Rep.

Allen Wolf – Club Name change possibility.

Councilmember Natalie Price – Berkley City Councilmember, House District 5 Candidacy

Gary Gerson – Michigan House Candidacy

Upcoming Meetings: Tuesday, June 2nd at the Bloomfield Township Town Hall at 6:30pm and will be a “Youth Issues Forum” with CD #11 Candidates, Andy Levin and Haley Stevens

June 21st, Next Club Meeting at Bloomfield Township Town Hall at 6:30 pm. Speakers on Ballot Initiatives and Judicial Candidates.

22 people already spoke. List of other participants:

William (Gil) Anderson, Prashanth Balusu, Shak Balusu, Lloyd Banks, Howard Baron, Jake Brody, Diane Chen, Heather Chen, Renaye Coles, Mike Corbin, Maureen Christensen, Reggie Reg Davis, George Dilgard, Kelly Dillaha, Gabe Efros, Lisa Efros, Nessa Feller, Juliet Hentschel, Lisa Holland, Brady Johnson-Hill, Jared Hocking, Harrison Klee, Bobby Lawrence, Larry Lewitt, Roger Mahanic, John Maisner, Elizabeth Jane Morehouse, Megan Mueller, Terri O’Brien, Linda Pence, Teresa Roscoe, Andrew Ross, Olivia Serio, Amanda Shelton, Gene Simms, Victoria Taylor, Judith Toth, Linda Zlotoff

TOTAL attendees: 59

Motion to adjourn. Adjourned, 8:30 p.m.

Duly Submitted,

Andrew Corey

Recording Secretary