

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD AREA DEMS

February 20, 2024

MINUTES

Acting Chair, Recording Secretary Corinne Shoop called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Roll Call:

Present: Treasurer: Libby Dzurka, Recording Secretary: Corinne Shoop, Corresponding Secretary: Dave Goodman, Trustee: Nessa Fuller, Trustee Juergen Wiesenberger. Attending via zoom: Chair: Debbie Rosenman Absent: Vice Chair: Emery Pence

The agenda was accepted as posted without objection.

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

Chair Report: Recording Secretary Corinne Shoop

The presidential primary is only a week and early and absentee voting has already begun. As we all know, Michigan is a very important state and voting in the primary is very vital. Please participate and remind your family and friends to do so as well.

Oakland County Democratic Party is looking for volunteers to work on phone banks throughout the next week. If you are interested, please check out its website or see me and I will assist you.

Treasurer's Report: Libby Dzurka

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. Libby reported the totals for both accounts.

Committee Reports:

Precinct Delegate Committee:

Allen Wolf, the chair gave the following report:

We are off and running. We now have an entire Precinct Delegate Liaison team. Maureen Christensen has Birmingham. Richard Grinstein has Southfield Township and Jurgen has Bloomfield Township. Join me in thanking them for stepping up in these important roles.

We have 103 confirmed PDs as of today. Almost all of them were PDs in 2022 and did an amazing job. Many of them completed their Affidavits this evening. We were granted 29 more slots this year, meaning we still have 78 slots to fill. We have openings in most precincts, so volunteer and also help us find other PDs through our club and county.

The PD job has gotten easier this year. A lot more of our work will be done by texting and less door knocking required. Of course, PDs are welcome to knock on doors anytime (except after midnight of course).

Our club's philosophy is simple. We try to find a lot of people from all over our club area to do just 20 hours of work each. In return we save democracy. Simple.

DPDOC is engaging in two initiatives this year to help with PD recruiting. One is Facebook advertising, and the other is a tool within Wave Michigan designed to identify good candidates. We are utilizing both.

I hope to stand before you next month with only about 40 vacant slots. With your help, I am confident we will get there.

Postcard Writing Committee/Student Intern Committee:

Emery Pence was not in attendance and no report was given.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Guest speakers:

Matt Dzurka and Juergen Wiesenberger: “What is Happening with Electric Vehicles?”

The presentation emphasized the significance of incorporating the use of electric vehicles and eventually eliminating the combustion engine and our dependence on fossil fuel. The emissions of all road vehicles account for 75% of the CO2 emissions and 15% of global emissions. To accomplish this goal, it will be necessary to replace the traditional gas powered vehicles with electric vehicles powered by batteries and fuel cells.

Electric vehicles are not only better for the environment, but they are also enjoyable to drive and require much less maintenance. However, there are misconceptions that need to be addressed. Those include the fear of change and new technology, the use of foreign technology (China) and the cost. The speakers shared their vast experience professionally and personally in the development and use of electric vehicles. BBADems is fortunate in that these speakers attend the meetings and are available to answer questions.

Chris Chanko: Together for US, LLC and “Our Reps” app

Chris Chanko has formed a new organization, Together for US, LLC that is committed to making available modern technology to assist and encourage voters to be informed and engaged. He developed an app that can be downloaded on your cell at no cost, and it will direct to your state and federal representatives and then assist you to ascertain what bills they have passed and how they voted and also a review of their federal and state financial filings.

Announcement and Good and Welfare:

The March meeting will be held at the Township Hall. The speakers will be State Senator Jeremy Moss and Bloomfield Township Clerk Martin Brook. They will discuss election changes, redistricting and a legislative update.

Judicial Candidate for 46th District Court Robin Dillard-Russaw introduced herself and had petitions people living in Southfield Township could sign.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Attendees- 41 in total

Jenny Arnold-Still

Howard Baron

Nancy Bliss

Jeff Bozell

Chris Chanko

Maureen Christensen

Janice Cohen

George Dilgard

Robin Dillard-Russaw

Libby and Matt Dzurka

Oscar Garner

Dave Goodman

Richard Grinstein

Diane Luscombe

Sandy Hansell

Rob Kalman

Beata Lamparski

Maria Marcotte

Catherine Martin

Fred Newton

Lisa Peers

Mary Perfitt-Nelson

Rakesh Ramakrishnan

Jenni Ring

Nina Robb

Joel Ross

Jerome Seid

Cynthia Shaw

Corinne Shoop

Gene Simms

Craig Spangler

Michele Spreitzer

Lynn Stephenson

Nancy Taylor

Gail Whitty

Jill and Juergen Wiesenberger

Allen Wolf

Steve Wolock

Linda Zlotoff