

## **Minutes of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Area Democratic Club**

**February 21, 2023**

**Bloomfield Township Hall, 4200 Telegraph Road**

### **Call to order by Corinne Shoop, Trustee 7:00 pm/Roll Call of Officers**

Meeting called to order by Acting Chairperson Corinne Shoop. Officers present include: Libby Dzurka (Treasurer), Andrew Corey (Recording Secretary), Corinne Shoop (Trustee, Acting Chair), Juergen Wiesenberger (Trustee).

**Approval of Agenda: Discussion (Passed)**

**Approval of Minutes: Discussion (Passed)**

**Treasurer's Report: Libby Dzurka gave the Treasurer's Report.**

### **Report of the Chair:**

#### **Club Chair Report from Corinne Shoop for February 21, 2023**

On February 11, the MDP held its Spring Convention. As it is an odd year, party leadership were elected. This included the Chair and Vice Chairs of the MDP. Lavora Barnes was elected chair for another term. She was unopposed. The other officers were also elected, a complete list is available on the MDP website. The Congressional Districts also elected their leadership. In this club we have the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The 11<sup>th</sup> re-elected Kent Douglas and the 12<sup>th</sup> Judy Neal. You will recall that Judy Neal came to our last meeting. The race in the 12<sup>th</sup> was the only contested race in the entire convention and was quite the show down. Terri O'Brian and I are board members. Now the internal elections are completed, and it is time to prepare for 2024; not only a presidential race but in Michigan we will be electing a new senator to replace Debbie Stabenow, who has announced her retirement. A couple of names are mentioned as serious contenders for the Democrats; Elissa Slotkin and Hill Harper.

Only a few days later, on February 13, 2023, the unthinkable occurred at Michigan State University. As some of you may recall, I became active in the MDP back in 2018 when I ran for the Democratic nomination for MSU Trustee. I ran because I love my school. This senseless act of violence touched all of us in some way. However, on a personal level it was heartbreaking. These ongoing mass shootings in schools, places of worship and public gatherings must stop. It only makes my conviction stronger to work to keep Democrats in office, get Democrats elected and pressure our elected officials for common sense gun laws. It is sad to me that so much time is being spent discussing banning books and sexual preference when active shooter training is included in our children's education curriculum.

It is important that your state legislators, even if they are Democrats, hear that you support the 11-bill package they are introducing to finally make an impact on our gun laws in Michigan. This is what the MSU students are asking for and we need to support them in all the ways we can.

**Allen Wolf gave advance notice of his intended remarks regarding the Precinct Delegate Committee Report:**

January and February have been fairly quiet months for the Precinct Delegate Committee. Soon, we will start contacting Precinct Delegates to confirm their commitment for the 2024 election.

Precinct Delegates in the City of Bloomfield Hills and Birmingham will be called upon to contact their neighbors regarding the city elections which will be occurring in 2023.

We will be putting in place more structure for the next election cycle so that Precinct Delegates will have Leaders who they can contact for their Township or City rather than only having Debbie or Allen to contact.

**Chair introduced Key Speaker:**

-Jeremy Moss – State Senator and President Pro Tempore of Michigan State Senate – addressed the meeting. Topics included Michigan Gun Reform, Elections. Hearing Thursday on Legislative efforts. See [Senate.Michigan.gov](http://Senate.Michigan.gov).

**Good and Welfare**

-Cynthia Shaw - Action Committee Chair – Members may join the Issues and Action Committee if they are looking for a way to get involved in current issues the Club is working on through various actions.

- Andrew Corey spoke on behalf of the Membership Committee, who will hold a Zoom meeting (first of the year) on Thursday February 23 at 6:30pm. They will be discussing ways to attract new Members and inform Members who were not at this meeting what was discussed in the way of past ideas that have worked and future possibilities to attract more members.

Women at Work event Saturday March 18 11:00am-1:00 pm. at the UAW Local 653: 670 E. Walton Blvd. in Pontiac. [Mobilize.us/oaklandcountydems/event/550491](https://mobilize.us/oaklandcountydems/event/550491)

The next club meeting is Tuesday, March 21 at 6:30pm at Bloomfield Township Hall. Ross Gavin from the Michigan Environmental Council will speak on their legislative agenda.

List of Attendees:

Rich Apkarian  
Christine Cairns  
Gabe Efros  
Dave Goodman

Howard Baron  
Andrew Corey  
Dorothy Flowers  
Miriam Halprin

Margaret Brooks  
Lisa Efros  
Sam Geller  
Sandy Hansell

Samantha Lemansky  
Andy Ross  
Paul Stoychoff  
Linda Zlotoff

Lisa Peers  
Cynthia Shaw  
Juergen Wisenberger

Nina Robb  
Corinne Shoop  
Brandon Yarsike

Motion to adjourn. Adjourned, 8:02 p.m.

Duly Submitted,  
Andrew Corey  
Recording Secretary