BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD DEMOCRATIC CLUB
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES • JUNE 16, 2020

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

Executive Committee Attendance: Charles Gaba, Chair; Corrinne Shoop,Vice-Chair; Gail Whitty, Treasurer; Debbie Rosenman, Trustee

The meeting was called to order on Zoom at 6:39 p.m. Charles Gaba, Chair, called for approval of the last month's minutes. The minutes were approved.

Chair's Report: Charles Gaba, Chair named Democratic candidates for many offices, state and Federal, and urged support of these candidates. He updated the Club on the status of the coronavirus situation in Michigan. He said the state had done a good job of flattening the curve, but that continued diligence would be needed. He reported that he has raised over $360,000 for candidates nationally, including more than $9,000 in Michigan, and $6,100 to flip the state house. This has been done through ActBlue, which is now set up to help in local races as well. He stressed that only 139 days remain until the November election, and noted the importance of working to defeat Trump in Michigan.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie Rosenman stated that the club currently has $4,135 in the treasury. Ther have been no expenses

Guest Speakers: The following guest speakers were introduced:
• Marcia Gershenson, candidate for Oakland County Commissioner, 13th District. She discussed issues facing the Commission, and noted that Democratic candidates are being recruited to run for numerous offices.
• Brian Mossallam, candidate for re-election as MSU Trustee, will be joining the Birmingham-Bloomfield Democratic Club. He noted that the role of university trustee has become much more than a ceremonial role in the aftermath of the scandal involving Larry Nassar.
• Danielle ("Dani") Walsh, candidate for Bloomfield Township Trustee, spoke about the need for a county master plan. She is currently serving as trustee as a Republican, but is running for re-election as a Democrat - the first Democrat to be a candidate for Township Trustee in 40 years.
• Martin Brook, candidate for Bloomfield Township Clerk, described the role of clerk in running elections, providing community services, keeping records and ensuring that records are accurate.
• Stephanie Fakih, candidate for Bloomfield
• Val Murray, candidate for Bloomfield Township Trustee. She stated her goal to make the township more resident-friendly, rather than builder-friendly, as it now is.
• Linda Ulrey, candidate for Bloomfield Township Trustee. She opposed the Special Assessment District (SAD), and supports greater input from community members.
• Mitsuaki Murashige, candidate for Township Trustee, did not respond to the invitation to speak.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34. **Next meeting: July 21, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.**