

Minutes

March 21, 2023, Birmingham Bloomfield Democratic Club

Call to order by the Chair 7:00pm/Roll Call of Officers

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Debbie Rosenman. Officers present include: Debbie Rosenman (Chair), Emery Pence (Vice Chair), Andrew Corey (Recording Secretary), Cynthia Shaw (Corresponding Secretary), Corinne Shoop (Trustee), Juergen Wiesenberger (Trustee).

Approval of Agenda: Discussion (Passed)

Approval of Minutes: Discussion (Passed)

Report of the Chair:

Chair Report for Tuesday, March 21, 2023

Happy Spring everyone!

Our club has several things on the horizon to build up club involvement. Next month we will be at the Bloomfield Township Library, not here, for a special meeting. Our high school student interns will be leading a Legislative Town Hall with the four State Representatives representing our club area. We will also be serving a light dinner that night. Please reach out to the folks you know to invite them to join us. We are asking our precinct delegates to distribute a flier about this meeting to at least ten of their neighbors, in the hopes we will attract even more people to attend. It will be a great event!

To build up our club even more, we are looking forward to walking in local area parades our communities are holding this summer and fall. We will be asking you and others to walk with us. Too many people don't even know our club exists and we want to get the word out. Having a strong club presence will only help us more as we move into upcoming elections.

Now that we have voted to have a more inclusive club name, the Birmingham Bloomfield Area Democratic Club, we need to vote to amend our bylaws with the new name. You can see the suggested bylaws on our website, by going to the "About" tab, and scrolling to the bottom. Members who have paid their dues will be able to vote at our April 18th meeting to approve the amended bylaws to make it all official.

If you have any other ideas on how to grow our club or what we can do to impact our community, please speak up. Be sure to join one of our committees as well. All voices are welcome!

Treasurer's Report: Chair Debbie Rosenman gave the Treasurer's Report for Treasurer Libby Dzurka who was absent and reminded members to pay their dues.

Precinct Delegate Committee Report:

PD Liason Allen Wolf gave the following report for the PD Committee:

Our Precinct Delegates continue to amaze me. They are a very involved and committed group. So many of them are involved in many other activities designed to protect our democracy and further our progressive goals.

As you know, there will be local elections in the City of Birmingham and the City of Bloomfield Hills this year. Our precinct delegates in those areas will be encouraged to go out and educate voters about the candidates.

2024 will be a big year of course. We will be electing a new U.S. Senator to replace Debbie Stabenow and we will be electing a President. We expect to have a primary race for U.S. Senate at a minimum. So, there will be lots to do.

We have begun to canvas our current Precinct Delegates to determine if they plan to run for another term in 2024. We need this information so we can start looking for replacements for those who won't be running again. In 2022, we probably had 25% of our PDs elect not to run again. So far, only about 10% of PDs are not planning to run again. As I said, a great and committed group!

We are going to have a fabulous meeting next month. It will be a great opportunity to welcome new members and to find neighbors who might be interested in volunteering. I want to encourage everyone to come next month and commit to bringing at least one other person with you who hasn't attended one of our meetings before.

Guest Speaker: Chair Debbie Rosenman introduced Guest Speaker Conan Smith-- CEO of the Michigan Environmental Council for remarks to Members present at the meeting. Audience members asked questions and a discussion ensued.

Good and Welfare:

-Gene raised the issue of electric vehicles and their benefit to the environment.

The meeting next month is on Tuesday, April 18th at the Bloomfield Township Library at 6:30 p.m. Light dinner will be served.

List of Members Present: (24 in attendance)

Nancy Bliss	Chris Chanko	Gabe Efros	Nessa Feller
Anne Honhart	Pat Hultman	Diana Lopez	Maria Marcotte
Shadia Martini	Mike McKeon	Bob Nicholson	John Owens
Nina Robb	Andy Ross	Conan Smith	Frederick Gene Simms
Deborah Wahl	Linda Zlotoff		

Motion to adjourn. Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Duly Submitted,

Andrew Corey
Recording Secretary