

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD AREA DEMS

April 16, 2024

MINUTES

Chair, Debbie Rosenman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Roll Call:

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

The agenda was accepted as posted without objection.

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

Chair Report: Chair Debbie Rosenman

We are so delighted to see such a great turnout tonight!

Once again, we have a zoom option for those who could not be here in person. If you could write their name and city/township where you live in the chat, it would help us to know you were here. Thanks for joining us!

So many of our attendees here this evening are precinct delegates coming to take care of their affidavits. We wholeheartedly welcome you to our precinct delegate community. Your involvement will help to ensure success this November and we thank you for joining the team.

(Welcome elected officials)

Tonight, you are going to really enjoy the presentation made by Library Director, Tera Moon. Our libraries are jewels in our community. How appropriate that today happens to be Advocacy Day for the Michigan Library Association! Look at our upcoming newsletter coming out next week for a link to take action on public libraries with your legislators by requesting more library funding and legislation to support Freedom to Read, the exact topic of our meeting tonight.

In addition to providing drinks and COOKIES-thanks to all who brought some to enjoy-we have the raffle going on in the back of the room. Hopefully you put your name of the tickets we gave you when you signed in and placed them in the bags with the prizes you were interested in. We will pick tickets a bit later so, if you haven't done it yet, do it now.

We also have a few other ways you can get involved.

Sign up on the clipboard in the back to walk in the Beverly Hills Parade with us. We had a great time last year and are looking forward to it again.

Sign up on the clipboard if you may be interested in helping with Road clean-up. We are in the process of adopting a roadway in our club area and need your help in two-hour shifts.

Grab a bag of postcards to write for our club member and candidate for the House District #54, Shadia Martini. We will need them back by the end of May.

Keep reading our newsletters that are sent out twice a month. We try to include other events and activities of interest.

Most importantly, keep talking to your friends, neighbors and family, your favorite coffee shop worker, your wait staff,...everyone! About the importance of voting this year. Voting for President Biden and other Democrats will protect our freedoms for years.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Libby Dzurka gave the report. 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.

Committee Reports:

Precinct Delegate Committee:

Allen Wolf, the chair gave the following report:

He continues his efforts to recruit new precinct delegates. Since our last meeting there are 46 new precinct delegates for a total of 150.

This election is very important to our democracy. He urges anyone that is interested or knows of anyone that is interested to contact him.

Postcard Writing Committee/Student Intern Committee:

Presently, he has been asking for assistance writing postcards for the Shadia Martini campaign. These are not due until mid-May. If anyone is interested, please contact him and he will get the postcards to you.

He also reported that there was a student intern meeting at Debbie Rosenman's home. It was well attended. Terri O'Brian attended and discussed voter registration. Chris Chanko also attended and discussed his new app. He asked if anyone knows of a student that may be interested to please contact him.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Guest speakers:

Tera Moon, Director of the Bloomfield Township Library and Dani Gillman, Chair of the Library Board of Trustees discussed the issues of banning books and censorship

Ms. Moon began the presentation discussing the difference between banning books, the complete removal of a book and censorship, the limiting of access to a book.

The Michigan Library Association’s mission is to protect intellectual freedom. It maintains a complete list of titles of the most requested books to be banned. She noted that 47% of the titles dealt with LGBTQ topics in some capacity. She also noted that it is a very small group of people putting forward this movement to ban books.

Fortunately, the Bloomfield Township Library has not had to deal with a request to ban a book. However, they do have policies and procedures in place if that should occur. The first question that is posed: Has the challenger read the book?

She finished by stating the following: “Not very book is for everybody, but every book is for somebody.”

Dani Gillman is the Chair of the Library Board of Trustees. It is the function of the board to advocate for the library and staff, oversee general management, set forth the mission statement of the library and direct the policy of the library. She is very proud of the services provided by the library to the community and encouraged everyone to explore all that the library has to offer.

The other members of the Board of Trustees are: Judy Linstrom, Joan Luksik, Keith Carduner, Joy Murray and Shane Spradlin. All are up for re-election this year. Joan, Keith, and Joy were there to also meet the audience.

Announcement and Good and Welfare:

Shadia Martini announces canvassing opportunities and the reasons for her candidacy.

Others made announcements about the upcoming election.

The May meeting will be returned to Bloomfield Township Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Attendees-

Vicky Acosta	Maureen Moseley
Flossie Anderson	Theresa Munaco
Jenny Arnold-Still	Adrienne Murdah
Terri Asbell	Joy Murray
Prashanth Balusu (ZOOM)	Val Murray
Jessie Bell	Fred Newton
Robert Blum	Robin O’Keefe
Brooke Booth	Lisa Peers
Keith Carduner	Emery and Linda Pence
Christopher Chanko	Ralph Plumley

<p> Maureen Christensen Suzanne Christopherson Mike Clift Shari Cohen Mike Corbin Kim Costello George Dilgard Libby Dzurka Maureen Field Brian Foley Wendy Friedman Mandy Garver Dani Gillman Jean Goddard Lenore Goldman Lori Goldman Dave Goodman Richard Grinstein Mona and Estelle Gubow Sandy Hansell Penelope Higgs Anne Honhart Miriam Imerman and husband Leigh Lash Mike Love Joan Luksik Stephanie Malter Maria Marcotte Catherine Martin Shadia Martini Matthew Mason Jennifer Matlow (ZOOM) Chris McKenna Chloe McKenna Max Mondshine Tera Moon Joan Morgan </p>	<p> Debra Quenaudon Rakesh Ramakrishnan David Richter Emily Rollins Debbie Rosenman Sabrina Saunders Andrew Saxe Corinne Shoop Jacob Simon Gene Simms and wife Criag Spangler Michelle Spreitzer Marti Szilagy Nancy Taylor Jason Tejani Larry and Adrea Unitis Tari Walker Adrienne Waun Ann Wescott and husband Gail Whitty Lynn Wiand Juergen Weisenberger Stephen Williams Robert Wittenberg Allen Wolf Adrienne Young Tracy Zeman Linda Zlotoff </p> <p>91 attendees (TWO on ZOOM)</p>
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