

**Monthly Meeting Minutes of the Newaygo County Democratic Party
February 11, 2019; 6:00 p.m., Spanky's**

Attendees: Dallas Dean, Teresa Kpachavi, Carol Newth, Jan Walsh, Shell Ross, Lenore Bacon, Terry McIntee, Ellen McIntee, Sally Wagoner, Mary Thomas.

1. **Call to order and pledge – 6:00 p.m.**
2. **Approval of January minutes – approved.**
3. **Approval of the Agenda – approved without additions.**
4. **Chairperson remarks:** Dallas Dean
 - a. Texas Holdem' held in February – Made just \$269 in profits. Discussion about whether to continue with Texas Holdem or consider other fundraising options. Next Texas Holdem scheduled for October. Hoping Governor will make changes in requirements making it easier to hold the event.
 - b. Summary of State Convention February 2 – Highlights: Jan Walsh's proposal to fund the repeal of the wetlands act passed. Jan is on the environmental caucus.
5. **Vice Chair remarks:** Teresa Kpachavi – recap of state convention. Lt. Governor Gilchrist spoke on outreach. Emphasis is on canvassing which will start in May, need for public education forums and monitor legislators.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Jan Walsh – no activity other than Texas Holdem account (see 4 a.). Jan and Terry will get together to work on getting an Act Blue account for the website. This will help to keep track of donor information.
7. **Committee reports:** 2-3 minutes
 - a. **Fundraising:** Shelly Ross – 2019 Annual Dinner/Silent Auction to offer unlimited bowling from 4-5:30. Need speakers – Shelly has been in contact with Senator Peters' campaign and Governor Whitmer's campaign. Accepting sports themed donations.
 - b. **Take Action:** Carol Newth – Planning to hold forums on Environment, Education and Health Care. Possibly have George Hartwell speak in March. Dr. Michael Campeau offered to help with the Education Forum, possibly also Ed Haynor, sometime in the summer, and tentatively Dr. Rob to speak at Health Care forum in October. Environmental Forum possibly in April – Jan will look into. Carol would like to reach out to the Democratic Party Chair Lavora Barnes.
 - c. **Communications:** Sally Wagoner – Reached out to the 2nd District, Poppy and others about the forums. Need to brainstorm other avenues and ideas, send suggestions to Sally, salwag.sw@gmail.com. Discussion about our party offering youth scholarships. Offered one in 2015, no applicants, so will revisit this issue.
10. **Announcements:**

Next meeting date – March 11, 2019 at Spanky's, 6:00 p.m.
11. **Public comments, questions and concerns:** A moment of silence for Jan Ross who passed away January 19. Also, condolences to Lenore Bacon who lost her father recently.
12. **Adjournment – 7:15 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by Ellen McIntee/02/12/19