

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

Attendees: Dallas Dean, Carol Newth, Shelly Ross, Ellen McIntee, Sally Wagoner, Kathy Teverbaugh, Lenore Bacon, Teresa Kpachavi, Robin Aslakson, Mary Thomas, John Braden.

1. **Call to order and pledge:** 6:05 p.m.
2. **Approval of February minutes** – approved.
3. **Approval of the Agenda** – approved with one addition (see 8. b.)
4. **Chairperson remarks:** Dallas Dean
 - a. Democratic National Convention to be held in Milwaukee in July 2020.
 - b. District candidates filing deadline – April 16, 2020.
 - c. Michigan primary for 2020 – March 10.
 - d. Bylaws need to be updated, re: renaming the Federal account as Executive account.
5. **Vice Chair remarks:** Teresa Kpachavi
 - a. Canvassing: Teresa will hold a strategy meeting for canvassing in her home sometime later in March. Email Teresa if you are interested: tkpach@stanford.edu
 - b. Summary of 2nd District Congressional meeting: A representative for Senator Peters spoke and was surprised about the strong support of Medicare for All and the Green New Deal. Let him know your stance on these issues. His events are listed on his website.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Jan Walsh (absent). Dallas summarized treasurer's report; print outs available.
7. **Committee reports:** 2-3 minutes
 - a. **Fundraising:** Shelly Ross
 1. 2019 Annual Dinner/Silent Auction May 18. Tickets can be purchased on the website through Act Blue. In need of donations for auction. See website for details.
 2. Other fundraising ideas: Game nights – Euchre, Trivia, board games, etc. to be held at members' homes, charge an admission. For suggestions, to host a game night, etc. email Shelly: shellross24@gmail.com
 - b. **Take Action:** Teresa summarized the March 4 Action Committee meeting. Upcoming Public Forums: Environmental information forum hosted by CEWAC on March 14. Other non-partisan information forums in the works – environment, health care, student scholarships are main topics.
 - c. **Communications:** Sally Wagoner – Hope to have another environmental forum later this spring. Need to form a core group, would like to see a youth environmental group formed.
8. **New Business**
 - a. 19th Annual Newaygo County Kids' Day, June 8, 2019 – Kathy Teverbaugh summarized event. Would like NCDP to host a table of activities for kids – will cost approximately \$100 for supplies.
 - b. Legacy Dinner May 18, 2019 – Honoree nominations. No Honorees nominated this year due to event conflicting with NCDP Annual Dinner/Silent Auction.
10. **Announcements:** Next meeting date – April 8, 2019 at Spanky's, 6:00 p.m.
11. **Public comments, questions and concerns.**
 - a. Carol expressed concern about how to find membership details on Michigan Dems website – no clear way to find out when your membership expires. Dallas has membership copy but not up to date at time of meeting.
 - b. Dallas encouraged members to contact Senator Bumstead and Representative VanSingel's offices and fill out Bumstead's survey on line, re: views on issues.
 - c. John Braden commented on how the NCDP needs to step up the canvassing.
12. **Adjournment:** 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ellen McIntee, Secretary/03/12/2019