

Monthly Meeting of the Newaygo County Democratic Party - Minutes
April 8, 2019; 6:00 p.m.; Tamarac

Attendees: Dallas Dean, Carol Newth, Robin Aslakson, Teresa Kpachavi, Shelly Ross, Rocky Love, Mary Thomas, Terry McIntee, Ellen McIntee, Jan Walsh, Kathy Teverbaugh, Lenore Bacon, Deb DiCello, Jan Burch.

1. **Call to order and pledge:** 6:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of March minutes** – approved.
3. **Approval of the Agenda** – with additions; see 4. c. and d., 8. c., 11. a. – approved with additions.
4. **Chairperson remarks:** Dallas Dean
 - a. Upcoming officer training session April 14 – in GR from 9-5:00 p.m. and campaign training webinar 4/16 – 5/23, register by 4/14. Dallas has information; it was also emailed to MDP members.
 - b. Open seats in county, boards, etc. Pamphlets available at County Clerk’s office.
 - c. Passed around Gary Peters’ petition for reelection to senate.
 - d. Presidential candidate debate to be held in Detroit July 30-31.
5. **Vice Chair remarks:** Teresa Kpachavi – canvassing strategy. Meeting held at Teresa’s house March 24; strategy and script were created. Canvassing will start in May, mandatory training session will be held prior; Teresa will send out email with details.
6. **Treasurer’s Report:** Jan Walsh – summary was available. Account balances: State - \$852.83; Administrative - \$278.00; Texas Hold Em’ – \$1916.98; Federal – \$1672.73. Report approved.
7. **Committee reports:** 2-3 minutes
 - a. **Fundraising:** Shelly Ross
 1. 2019 Annual Dinner/Silent Auction – Shelly Ross. Encouraged to buy tickets soon; if we don’t have 30 tickets sold by 5/3 we will have to cancel event and lose deposit of \$180. Poppy and Peters’ campaign representative confirmed as speakers. Shelly will submit article in Times Indicator and Near North Now.
 2. Game nights – will concentrate on this after annual dinner. Also event in fall TBD.
 - b. **Take Action:** Carol Newth – still looking for venues for forums. Environmental forum hopefully in June; date TBA. Can we canvass at the Farmer’s Market?
 - c. **Communications:** Sally Wagoner (absent). Dallas Dean – Sally has stepped down from the Communications Committee due to other obligations. Ellen will take over the vertical response email blasts.
8. **Unfinished Business** –
 - a. Newaygo County Kids Day, June 8 – Kathy will purchase supplies and submit invoice to Jan.
 - b. Nominations for Honorees at Legacy Dinner – Motion made to nominate Jan Ross as Honoree posthumously – motion approved unanimously.
 - c. NCDP Bylaws have been updated and are available, check with Dallas. Motion made to approve and motion carried. They will be on the state website.
9. **New Business:**
 - a. Opening of NCDP headquarters. Primary is March 10, 2020. Discussion about opening office in January 2020, agreed to table this issue until later this year. Need to set fundraising goal of at least \$10,000.
 - b. Baby Food Festival – ? sponsor a golf cart for \$275. After discussion, no motion made.
10. **Announcements:** Next meeting date – May 13, 2019 at Spanky’s, 6:00 p.m.
11. **Public comments, questions and concerns:**
 - a. Good and Welfare – Dallas explained the property tax exemptions for those living below the poverty line and for 100% disabled veterans. Benefits vary from township to township; check with your township for asset limitations.
 - b. Robin – Robin and Dallas were reelected as state delegates after a contentious meeting. State party to start precinct delegate training – information will follow via email.
 - c. Next district meeting will be held in Lake County on April 20 at 10:00 a.m.
12. **Adjournment:** 7:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ellen McIntee, Secretary; 04/09/19