

Monthly Meeting of the Newaygo County Democratic Party - Minutes
September 9, 2019; 6:00 p.m., Spanky's

Attendees: Wendy Nystrom, Nancy Baldwin, Lenore Bacon, Kathy Teverbaugh, Stan Opal, Liz Opal, Chris Prowant, Teresa Kpachavi, Carin Obits, Jan Walsh, Dallas Dean, Ellen McIntee

1. **Call to order and pledge** – 6:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of August minutes** – Approved with no changes.
3. **Approval of the Agenda** – Approved with no changes.
4. Welcomed Nancy Baldwin, Vice Chair for Mecosta County Democratic Party, and Wendy Nystrom, party Secretary. Nancy invited all to the Mecosta County Democratic Party Dinner on October 5. Dana Nessel, State Attorney General, will be speaker. Tickets are \$60.
5. **Chairperson remarks:** Dallas Dean
 - a. September 14 – State Central Meeting.
 - b. September 21 – 2nd District meeting in Muskegon.
 - c. September 28 – 2nd District Dinner. Lavora Barnes, Chairwoman of the Michigan Democratic Party, will be speaker. Tickets are \$50. Event posted on Facebook and website.
 - d. Dallas sent letter to county clerk naming the nominees for Board of Canvassers – Stan Opal, Sally Wagoner and Dallas Dean. One canvasser will be elected, with 2 alternates.
 - e. Noted advertisement in H-Lites re: The American Decency Association presentation “Immigration or Invasion?” to be held on September 13. Discussion followed.
6. **Vice Chair remarks:** Teresa Kpachavi – last canvass cancelled due to lack of volunteers and thunderstorms. Will continue canvasses on Saturdays only, next date TBD.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Jan Walsh – Expenses: Texas Hold'Em account - \$208.60; Federal Account - \$435.57 + \$100 for Environmental Forum that has not cleared. There is a \$1 discrepancy that Jan will look into. Cash on hand - \$54 from button sales. Report on file. Motion to approve report made by Shelly Ross, seconded by Liz Opal, motion approved. Goal to open office in 2020 is \$10,000; we have approximately \$5000.
8. **Committee reports:** 2-3 minutes
 - a. **Fundraising:** Shelly Ross – Fall Family Fun Festival September 21 from noon-3 p.m. Advertisement will be in next Hi-Lite. Flyers have been distributed.
 - b. **Take Action:** Teresa Kpachavi – Upcoming Health Forum October 7 with pub crawl immediately following at Newaygo Brewery – ½ off first beer! Speakers are Bryan Berghoef, Michelle Petz and Dr. Rob Davidson. Flyers were available at meeting.
 - c. **Communications:** Ellen McIntee – mentioned presentation by Circles of Newaygo County – “Get To Know Your Legislators” to be held September 26 from 6-8 p.m. at Church of the Living Christ in Fremont. Representatives of several State and Federal Legislators will be speaking. Flyers shared via e-blast.
9. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Harvest Festival Parade October 3, 6:00 p.m. Volunteers needed, sign-up sheet available. Meet at 5:30, details included in e-blast.
 - b. Texas Hold'Em dates: October 24-27 and December 26-29. Volunteers needed – will include in e-blast.
10. **Announcements:** Next meeting date – October 14, 2019 at Spanky's, 6:00 p.m.
12. **Adjournment** – 6:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ellen McIntee; 09/14/19