

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

**Attendees:** Shelly Ross, Ellen McIntee, Terry McIntee, Kathy Teverbaugh, Dallas Dean, Stan Opal, Liz Opal, Lenore Bacon, Teresa Kpachavi, Sally Wagoner, Jan Walsh, Carin Obits, Robin Aslakson, Brian Aslakson, Jan Burch-Williams, Chris Prowant.

1. **Call to order and pledge:** 6:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of October minutes.** Motion to approve by Stan Opal, seconded by Terry McIntee. Motion passed.
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** With one addition to 9. New Business. Motion to approve by Jan Walsh, seconded by Stan Opal. Motion passed.
4. **Chairperson remarks:** Dallas Dean
  - a) Dallas passed around signature petition for Bryan Berghoef to be on the ballot for 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District.
  - b) Reviewed letter from the State Tax Commission. Taxable values increasing in 2020 by 1.09%.
  - c) Dallas had information available about property tax exemptions.
  - d) Gave Board of Canvassers summary of 11/05/19 elections. White Cloud had a tie for city council; winner TBD by a coin flip.
  - e) Recapped Holland Octoberfest - made a profit of \$1000.
5. **Vice Chair remarks:** Teresa Kpachavi gave a recap of the 11/05/19 national elections. State of Virginia is now blue! Need to really get the vote out in Michigan in 2020 with outreach activities (see 10).
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Jan Walsh – Texas Hold'Em made approximately \$90 in profits over 4 days. Jan summarized the report which is on file. Motion to approve report made by Stan Opal, seconded by Liz Opal. Motion passed.
7. **Committee reports:** 2-3 minutes
  - a. **Fundraising:** Shelly Ross – we will be looking into other fundraising ideas besides Texas Hold'Em. Next meeting is November 18 at 6:00 p.m. at Jimmy's Roadhouse. Email Shelly with fundraising ideas: [shellross24@gmail.com](mailto:shellross24@gmail.com) or better yet, attend the meeting! There are upcoming Texas Hold'Em's in December and January.
  - b. **Take Action:** Teresa Kpachavi – Bryan Berghoef will be speaking at the December 9 meeting (see outreach, #10). Looking for speakers for the January, February and March meetings.
  - c. **Communications:** Ellen McIntee – questioned advantage of vertical response vs. NCDP email as a way of communicating with the whole group. Dallas recapped CEWAC upcoming events, which were also sent out via email.
8. **Unfinished Business** – none.
9. **New Business:** Jan Walsh had information about voting for Chamber of Commerce board members.
10. **Outreach Activity:** Teresa Kpachavi had postcard invitations to the December 9 meeting where Bryan Berghoef will be our guest speaker. We spent a few minutes adding personal notes and addressing the postcards. Approximately 50 postcards were addressed. Hope to continue the outreach activities at every general meeting.
11. **Announcements:**
  - a) Next meeting date December 9, 2019 at Spanky's, 6:00 p.m. Bryan Berghoef to attend.
  - b) Our Veterans, Stan Opal and Chris Prowant, were recognized and applauded for their service to our country.
12. **Public comments, questions and concerns** – none.
13. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Shell Ross. Motion passed. Adjourned 6:45 p.m.

Submitted by Ellen McIntee; 11/13/19