

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

Attendees: Lucinda Schondelmayer, Korra Satsuki, Jeff Wrisley, Lenore Bacon, Kathy Teverbaugh, Jan Walsh, Joseph McCluskey, Shelly Ross, Terry McIntee, Ellen McIntee, Nan Powerwinski, Ray Powerwinski, Furlo Bengtsson, Tim Bengtsson, Arnold Baker, Susan Wente, Carol Newth, Stan Opal, Liz Opal, Mary Thomas, Robin Aslakson, Brian Aslakson, Bryan Berghoef (guest speaker)

1. **Call to order and pledge** – 6:00 p.m.
2. **Guest speaker** – Bryan Berghoef, 2nd District Congressional Candidate. Bryan gave a brief speech summarizing his position on many issues and answered questions. Literature was available.
3. **Approval of November minutes:** Motion to approve made by Jan Walsh, seconded by Terry McIntee, approved.
4. **Approval of the Agenda** – Motion to approve with one change, Bryan Berghoef to speak first. Motion made by Stan Opal, seconded by Ellen McIntee, approved.
5. **Chairperson remarks:** Dallas Dean
 - a. Board of Canvassers meeting – tie was broken in White Cloud city council election.
 - b. Recap of State Central meeting.
 - c. Call to Convention must be held before March 21st Endorsement meeting. Will hold it at the February 2020 meeting.
 - d. New party rule – no audio or video recordings of any meetings without approval of the Michigan State Party Chair.
 - e. Recap of West Michigan Advocates meetings – goal is to sway Senator Peters' view on war powers of President vs. Congress.
 - f. Petition for signatures to get Bryan Berghoef on the ballot was passed around.
6. **Vice Chair remarks:** Teresa Kpachavi – Canvassing will start again in the Spring. Looking for ideas for speakers for future meetings. Will ask Representative VanSingel to attend.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Jan Walsh
 - a. Account balances: State - \$1152.83; Administrative - \$400.50; Texas Hold'Em - \$1778.28; Federal - \$1620.01; cash on hand - \$26. Report on file. Motion to approve made by Liz Opal, seconded by Terry McIntee, approved.
 - b. New buttons were available for purchase.
 - c. Chamber of Commerce membership dues are \$137/yr – Jan will renew.
8. **Committee reports:** 2-3 minutes
 - a. **Fundraising:** Shelly Ross – next meeting 12/16/19 at 6:00 p.m. at the Commons. Will be discussing options for fundraising other than Texas Hold'Em.
 - b. **Take Action:** Teresa Kpachavi – next meeting at 01/06/20 at 5:30 p.m. at Sportsman's Bar.
 - c. **Communications:** Ellen McIntee – reminder to sign in for meeting.
9. **Unfinished Business:** Texas Hold'Em – volunteer sign up sheet passed around for December 26-29.
10. **New Business:** Legacy Dinner to be held sometime in March.
11. **Announcements:** Next meeting date – January 13, 2020 at Spanky's, 6:00 p.m.
12. **Public comments, questions and concerns:** New member Jeff Wrisley, District Leader for the Andrew Yang campaign in Ludington, gave a short presentation about Presidential Candidate Andrew Yang. Literature was available. Korra Satsuki is the local leader for Andrew Yang.
13. **Adjournment** – 7:05 p.m.

Submitted by Ellen McIntee; 12/11/19