

**Monthly Meeting of the Newaygo County Democratic Party
February 10, 2020; 6:00 p.m., The Stream**

Attendees: Stan Opal, Liz Opal, Shelly Ross, Chris Prowant, Dallas Dean, Scott VanSingel, Jan Walsh, Lenore Bacon, Kathy Teverbaugh, Mary Thomas, David Barnosky, Teresa Kpachavi, Terry McIntee, Ellen McIntee, Jan deRegnier, Dan deReignier, Robin Aslakson, Nancy Powerwinski, Ray Powerwinski, Jason Finch, Korra Satsuki, Lucinda Schondelmayer

1. **Call to order and pledge.**
2. **Guest Speaker** – Representative Scott VanSingel. Rep. VanSingel highlighted some of the issues being worked on in the State House, focusing on education, environment, jobs, transportation issues and budget. Short Q&A period followed. Appreciate Scott’s visit.
3. **Approval of January minutes** – motion to approve made by Stan, seconded by Kathy. Motion passed.
4. **Approval of the Agenda** – with one change; Representative VanSingel to speak directly after pledge. Motion approved.
5. **Chairperson remarks:** Dallas Dean
 - a. State Convention March 21 in Lansing. Legacy Dinner March 20 with speaker Nancy Pelosi. Tickets \$175? At convention State Supreme Court Justices will be nominated, as well as University board trustees, board of governors and regents. Must be an MDP member 30 days before convention to attend or be a precinct delegate.
 - b. MDP membership can be renewed on line, print application and mail it if you don’t wish to make a donation on line.
 - c. Election workers needed – paid position. Applications available from the County Clerk. Contact Dallas for more information: dallin730@yahoo.com
 - d. Precinct Delegate applications will be available at the March meeting, or contact your township clerk.
6. **Vice Chair remarks:** Teresa Kpachavi
 - a. Supreme Court candidate Elizabeth Welch will be our guest speaker at the March 9 meeting.
 - b. Teresa officially resigned as County Vice Chair. She will be leaving the area in April and will be missed!
7. **Treasurer’s Report:** Jan Walsh – report on file. Current assets are approximately \$6100 – does not include the numbers from February Texas Hold’Em. Should be in good shape to open an office in June.
8. **Committee reports:** 2-3 minutes
 - a. **Fundraising:** Shelly Ross – attend the Fundraising meeting February 17 to find out who our guest speaker for the annual dinner will be! Meeting at Newaygo Brewing Company, 5:30 p.m.
 - b. **Take Action:** Teresa Kpachavi. Teresa stepping down. Need a new committee chair.
 - c. **Communications:** Ellen McIntee – nothing to report.
9. **Unfinished Business:** Office space – Lucinda and Korra have been looking into this and will keep us posted.
10. **New Business**
 - a. Election of new County Vice Chair: Jan nominated Robin, Terry seconded the motion. Robin accepted, a vote was taken and passed to name Robin as Vice Chair through the end of the current term.
 - b. Texas Hold’Em volunteers need for some of the March dates – March 5, 6, 7 and 8. Contact Dallas to volunteer: dallin730@yahoo.com
11. **Announcements:**
 - a. Call to Convention immediately following general meeting.
 - b. Next NCDP meeting March 9, 2020. Venue TBA.
12. **Public comments, questions and concerns:** Reminder about the property tax exemption for those below the poverty level and for disabled veterans. Check with your township.
13. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Jan. Adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Ellen McIntee; 02/13/2020