

Monthly Meeting of the Newaygo County Democratic Party
March 9, 2019; 6:00 p.m., The Stream

Attendees: Chris Prowant, Mary Thomas, Teresa Kpachavi, Stan Opal, Liz Opal, Jason Finch, Mark Kane, Shelly Ross, Kathy Teverbaugh, Lenore Bacon, Dallas Dean, Sally Wagoner, Ellen McIntee, Terry McIntee

1. Call to order and pledge – 6:00 p.m.
2. Sally Wagoner spoke about CEWAC and a fundraiser for Bryan Berghoef tentatively scheduled for April 4 from 2-4 p.m., venue TBA.
3. Guest speaker – Elizabeth Welch, candidate for Michigan Supreme Court. Elizabeth spoke about the current Michigan Supreme Court and her background and issues she supports, and also took questions. Appreciate her visit.
4. Approval of February minutes. Jason moved to approve, Liz seconded, motion approved.
5. Approval of Agenda with two changes: Sally Wagoner to speak before guest speaker Elizabeth Welch’s arrival; Dallas asked to add Legacy Dinner to New Business.
6. Chairperson remarks: A) Precinct Delegate applications are due May 5. Dallas has applications: dallin730@yahoo.com. B) Democratic State Convention March 21 to endorse Michigan Supreme Court Justices and University Board nominees. Dallas has caucus information available.
7. Vice Chair remarks: None. Robin Aslakson absent, Teresa Kpachavi not available.
8. Treasurer’s Report: Dallas gave report in Jan Walsh’s absence. Texas Hold’Em made \$747 in February and \$948 in March. FEC account has balance of \$4700, just short of our \$5000 goal to keep an office open for 6 months. Motion to approve Treasurer Report made by Stan, seconded by Mark, motion approved. Report on file.
9. Committee reports: 2-3 minutes
 - a. Fundraising: Shelly Ross – 1) Focus is on Annual Dinner May 30. Sponsor letters have been sent out. Bryan Berghoef will be a speaker. Still waiting to confirm additional speakers. Next fundraising meeting March 16 at 5:30 at Sportsman’s in Newaygo. 2) Representative from Senator Peters’ campaign will be at Koffee Kuppe March 13 at 10:100. 3) Next Texas Hold’Em April 2, 3, 4 and 5. To volunteer: dallin730@yahoo.com
 - b. Take Action: Need a new chair.
 - c. Communications: Ellen McIntee – nothing to report.
10. Unfinished Business: Office space – still looking. Need something around \$400/month. Any ideas, email newaygocountydemocrats@gmail.com.
11. New Business: A) Venue for future meetings – discussion whether to meet at Spanky’s again or find a new venue. It was decided to continue meeting at Spanky’s until June when we have an office open. Shelly will call Spanky’s to confirm. B) Legacy Dinner March 20 in Lansing. Guest speaker will be House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. Nominations for Honorees: Male – Dallas Dean, accepted nomination. Female – Sally Wagoner nominated, not present to accept nomination, voted in.
12. Announcements: A) District Dinner March 28. B) Next meeting date – April 13, 2019 at Spanky’s 6:00 p.m.
13. Public comments, questions and concerns: Dallas thanked Shelly and Stan for volunteering at Texas Hold’Em.
14. Adjournment – 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Ellen McIntee, Secretary; 03/10/2020