

Monthly Meeting Minutes of the Newaygo County Democratic Party
May 13, 2019; 6:00 p.m., Spanky's

Attendees: Teresa Kpachavi, Dallas Dean, Carol Newth, Kathy Teverbaugh, Shelly Ross, Ellen McIntee, Terry McIntee, Lenore Bacon, Nan Powerwinski, Ray Powerwinski, Helen Hill, Brendt Hill.

1. **Call to order and pledge** – 6:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of April minutes** – approved.
3. **Approval of the Agenda** – approved.
4. **Chairperson remarks:** Dallas Dean
 - a. One Campaign starts June 22.
 - b. Senator Peter's campaign officially kicks off May 18. Petition to get him on the ballot was available at the meeting and will be available at the Annual Dinner.
 - c. Jan Ross will be honored posthumously at the Legacy Dinner May 18. Two of her granddaughters will attend to represent her.
 - d. Election May 7 – city of Grant approved extra tax dollars for police and firefighters.
5. **Vice Chair remarks:** Teresa Kpachavi – Canvassing will begin June 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet at Michelle Ross's office, above Huntington Bank in Fremont. Enter side door (Division St.) and Shelly will meet you there. This will be an outreach canvass focused on voter's issues. We will try to reach as many voters as possible, not just Democrats, and update VAN. Most popular posts on Facebook: 1) Anti-Huizenga, 2) Health Care and 3) Anti-Trump.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Jan Walsh (not present). Dallas Dean gave financial report in Jan's absence.
7. **Committee reports:** 2-3 minutes
 - a. **Fundraising:** 1) Shelly Ross – 2019 Annual Dinner/Silent Auction – final push for ticket sales. Only a few tickets left. Order online at www.newaygocodems.org. 2) Future fundraising events TBA.
 - b. **Take Action:** Carol Newth – Carol suggested inviting speakers to our general meetings to increase attendance. Suggestions for speakers include Bill Cobb and our representatives, possibly Scott VanSingel.
 - c. **Communications:** Send ideas for speakers, and other issues you would like to see on the agenda, and Ellen will include them in the semi-monthly E-blasts. Email Ellen: newaygocountydemocrats@gmail.com, subject line **E-blast News**.
8. **New Business:** Dallas was informed at the 2nd District meeting that there will be tickets available for the presidential primary debate July 30-31 in Detroit. He is checking into the details and availability.
10. **Announcements:** Next meeting date – June 10, 2019 at Spanky's, 6:00 p.m.
11. **Public comments, questions and concerns:** 1) Metal stakes from candidates' signs can be reused; return them to any county Democratic party headquarters, or to our office when it opens next year. 2) Discussion about disastrous new tariffs imposed by Trump.
12. **Adjournment** – 6:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ellen McIntee/05/15/19