

Monthly Meeting of the Newaygo County Democratic Party – Minutes
July 8, 2019; 6:00 p.m., Spanky's

Attendees: Jason Finch, Shelly Ross, Dallas Dean, Stan Opal, Liz Opal, Jan Walsh, Kathy Teverbaugh, Lenore Bacon, Ellen McIntee

1. **Call to order and pledge** – 6:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of June minutes** – Approved with one correction.
3. **Approval of the Agenda** – Approved.
4. **Chairperson remarks:** Dallas Dean
 - a. Dallas has letter from county clerk Re: Board of Canvassers openings.
 - b. The next 2nd District meeting is 07/14, to be followed by the Ottawa County Picnic.
 - c. MDP Summer BBQ in Milford on 08/11; cost is \$50 to attend.
 - d. State Central Committee meeting is July 20; Dallas to attend. There are some rule changes Re: Gender identification.
 - e. July Board of review: Reminder for veterans and low income families to file with their townships for property tax credits.
 - f. Dallas will attend the reception at the Governor's mansion on July 16.
 - g. Next Texas Hold Em' dates: October 24-27 and December 26-29.
5. **Vice Chair remarks:** Teresa Kpachavi
 - a. Outreach canvass on June 29. To date we have knocked on 150 doors. Next canvass is July 13 at 10 a.m. Meet at The Stream in Newaygo.
 - b. Bryan Berghoef, a pastor from Holland, will be announcing his candidacy for the 2nd Congressional District (challenging Rep. Huizenga). His top issue is campaign financing.
6. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. Jan Walsh – report on file. Only change was in the federal account, making balance \$2841.44; total balance of all accounts is around \$6000, \$4000 short of our goal to pay for an office in 2020.
 - b. A thank-you to Spanky's. The last 2 meetings they forgave our room charge!
7. **Committee reports:** 2-3 minutes
 - a. **Fundraising:** Shelly Ross
 - 1) Fall Family Festival September 21 from 12-3 p.m. at Teresa's House (Silent K Farm and Apiary). Cider press, raffles, games, prizes, etc. Free admission!
 - 2) Need bartending service for 2020 Annual Dinner. Temporary liquor license still an option. Will update status as necessary.
 - b. **Take Action:** Carol Newth (absent). Teresa – Environmental forum 08/17 at Loomis Lodge in Newaygo. We will be co-sponsors with CEWAC and Sally Wagoner has lined up several speakers. Cost to rent lodge is \$175. Discussion on whether CEWAC will pay half of the cost; Teresa will talk to Sally and ask Sally to attend our August meeting to give details.
 - c. **Communications:** Ellen McIntee – nothing to report.
8. **Unfinished Business** – Baby Food Festival Parade July 20 – still looking for volunteers to decorate float and walk in parade. Meet at 9:30 a.m.
9. **Announcements:** Next meeting date – August 12, 2019 at Spanky's, 5:30 social time, 6:00 p.m. meeting.
10. **Public comments, questions and concerns:** Campaign buttons for sale for \$1 each.
11. **Adjournment** – 6:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ellen McIntee, Secretary/07-09-19