

Muskegon County Democratic Party  
 490 W. Western Ave  
 Muskegon, Michigan

January 11, 2018

Meeting Held At  
 Muskegon Township Hall  
 1990 Apple Ave. (Corner of Apple Ave. and Quarterline Rd.)

<p>Executive Committee Attendance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jennifer Barnes – Chair P</li> <li>2. William Snyder 1<sup>st</sup> VC P</li> <li>3. Bob Wright 2<sup>nd</sup> VC P</li> <li>4. Bethann Rahn – Treas. P</li> <li>5. Mimi Rankin – Sec. P</li> <li>6. Tony Barnes P</li> <li>7. Pat Wright E</li> <li>8. Jim Waters A</li> <li>9. Marianne Darnell P</li> <li>10. Janet Thomas A</li> <li>11. Steve Keglovitz P</li> <li>12. David Cadena A</li> <li>13. Brent Gillette A</li> <li>14. Tammy Gillette A</li> <li>15. Bob Carter P</li> <li>16. Carole Carter P</li> <li>17. Julie Dennis P</li> <li>18. Linda Aerts P</li> </ol> <p><i>Quorum exists with 3 officers and 20 MDP (state party) members.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19. Paul Watson P</li> <li>20. Bill Ream P</li> <li>21. Dan Hess P</li> <li>22. Dan Kosheba A</li> <li>23. David Kieft A</li> <li>24. Jeff Beegle A</li> <li>25. Kathy Hess A</li> <li>26. Debra Griffin A</li> <li>27. Willie Minor A</li> <li>28. Elise Elzinga A</li> <li>29. Paul Martin A</li> <li>30. Donna Secor Pennington A</li> <li>31. Mitch Dennison A</li> <li>32. Barb Kolen A</li> <li>33. Brandon Gemzer A</li> <li>34. Phyllis Loudermill A</li> <li>35. Don Munski A</li> <li>36. Darma Canter A</li> <li>37. Vickie Clock A</li> </ol>	<p>Automatic Members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>38. Dennis Murphy A</li> <li>39. Collene Lamonte A</li> <li>40. Terry J. Sabo P</li> <li>41. Cathy Forbes A</li> <li>42. Nancy A. Waters A</li> <li>43. Tony Moulatsiotis P</li> <li>44. DJ Hilson P</li> <li>45. Michael Poulin A</li> <li>46. Brenda Moore A</li> <li>47. Mark Fairchild A</li> <li>48. Tim DeMumbrum P</li> <li>49. Ken Mahoney P</li> <li>50. Ben Cross P</li> <li>51. Susie Hughes P</li> <li>52. Zabrina Santiago A</li> <li>53. Jeff Lohman A</li> <li>54. Charles Nash A</li> <li>55. Rillastine Wilkins A</li> </ol> <p><i>KEY P=Present A=Absent E=Excused</i></p>
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- Call to Order: 7:08 p.m.
- Pledge
- Roll call of Officers:

Chair Jennifer Barnes - present  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair William Snyder – present  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair Bob Wright – present  
 Treasurer Bethann Rahn - present  
 Secretary Mimi Rankin – present

- Special Guest/Invited Speakers - Pat Miles, Jr running for Attorney General, he served as US Attorney General under President Obama administration, he resigned the day of President Trumps inauguration. Pat talked the number of cases he has prosecuted and how tough and smart he is on crime, he will focus on the criminal justice system, fight for consumer protection and stronger laws and become an independent watch dog. Pat also asked that people attend the Endorsement Convention on April 15, 2018 at Cobo Hall, the day after the Legacy Dinner, as this is where the State Party candidates for Attorney General, Secretary of State, and Supreme Court will be chosen.
- Introduction/Recognition:
  - a. Elected Officials Present –
    - a. Susie Hughes (County Commissioner), commission is working on a senior millage, such programs as (Meals on Wheels), also working with Habitat for Humanity to secure grant to assist senior citizens who need housing.

- b. Tony Moulatsiotis (County Treasurer), informed everyone about paying property taxes by April 1, 2018, there is help available please contact the Treasurers office ASAP. Tony thanked everyone for their well wishes during his surgery.
- c. Terry Sabo (92<sup>nd</sup> Rep), he elaborated on the importance of getting engaged with the party and the need to help individuals who are running for office. Terry also stated he introduced a bill to give judges more control in the court room, he found out another bill introducing the same thing was presented by his counterpart (Holly Hughes), he said he needs help on the democratic side, it's hard to be the minority and we need to take back the 91<sup>st</sup> district. Terry informed us that prevailing wage is still an issue in Lansing and signatures has been collected and as of now they did not meet the threshold, but another attempt is in motion.
- d. DJ Hilson (Prosecutor), encouraged involvement in the upcoming elections and talked about his full endorsement of Pat Miles, Jr.
- e. Ken Johnson (Muskegon Commissioner), City is working with investors on the Sappi property master plan, they are looking at residential, mixed businesses and commercial layouts, he also indicated that the City does not own the property. Julie inquired about Sappi property investors and would they be willing to hire local union contractors, Ken said the investors are local and community minded, but not sure who they will be partnering with. The city is also working on cleaning up the Rudderman Creek site. Ken talked about the new businesses going up and the old businesses being redeveloped. Terry Sabo asked about the firefighter situation, Ken stated that the discussions have halted because of so much push back, but they are still working on trying to renew contracts.
- f. Tony Barnes (Dalton Township Supervisor), Dalton Township participated in almost a million-dollars worth of road improvement. He thanked Commissioners Susie Hughes and Ken Mahoney as well as the County Road Commission for there help, he also invited folks to attend the Dalton Township MTA conference on 1/29/18 for elected officials, the Township Academy (web based) for training elected officials and the Michigan Township Association's Local Township meeting.
- b. Elected Union Representatives
  - a. Brandon Popp talked about upcoming protests throughout the county. He said Clifford Buck is using individuals from Kent County and they are planning a protest at Clifford Buck Company on 1/19/18. Mercy Health is 90% non-union working on the new hospital construction. He also said that elected officials should keep that in mind when giving out contracts.
- c. Candidates
  - a. Javon Murphy is running for District 4 County Commissioner seat, he talked about why he is running and asking for support.
  - b. Andy O'Rielly – Continually growing on social media and will start knocking on doors and having fundraisers, if you would like to donate to his campaign go to [andyorielly.com](http://andyorielly.com).
  - c. Terry Sabo announced that he and Tony Moulatsiotis will be inviting all 2018 candidates to meet with them to discuss their campaign.

- Committee Reports:

Membership-

Muskegon County MDP Members - 22

MDP Members Present - 21

Total People in Attendance -35

- Board Reports:

- a. Secretary Report: The minutes from September, October, November and December with no changes or corrections were accepted and moved by Bob Carter and seconded by Tony Barnes and approved unanimously
- b. Treasurer Report: The minutes from September, October, November and December with no changes or corrections were accepted and moved by Tony Moulatsiotis and seconded by Ken Johnson and approved unanimously

- Unfinished Business:

- a. Legacy Dinner on April 14, 2018 and State Convention/Endorsement Convention on April 15, 2018 (new memberships/credentialing), MDP will be sending out surveys on Coordinated Campaigns, Haley at MDP now handling VAN duties. Any questions regarding your membership please call Megan Lizzotte.

- b. Second Congressional District Meeting on January 20, 2018 at 10 a.m. at the Plumbers/Fitters Union in Coopersville
- a. Gala Committee, Gala is May 5, 2018 – still working on keynote speaker, tentative Senator Debbie Stabenow
- b. Casino Bus Trip to Gun Lake on January 20, 2018, bus is half full

- New Business:

- a. Congratulations to David Kieft, new County Administer for Manistee County
- b. Martin Luther King Breakfast at MCC tomorrow, January 12, 2018 at 7:30 a.m., will not attend no tickets available
- c. Winnie Brinks Fundraiser on January 15, 2018 at 7 Steps Up in Spring Lake
- d. Women's March in Lansing on January 21, 2018
- e. Meet N Greet after the Election Filing Deadline, date, time and place will be announced soon
- f. We are putting together an Election Calendar for the Party, after the August Primary we will be hosting a Unity Breakfast
- g. Candidate Mentoring – how do we go about mentoring new candidates, any ideas or suggestions please let me know
- h. Bulk Mailing License is available to candidates
- i. Code of Conduct is in packets, please look over
- j. Upcoming MDP events

- Comments:

- Adjournment: 8:47 p.m.