

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

April 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes

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"> 1. Jennifer Barnes – Chair P 2. William Snyder 1st VC E 3. Bob Wright 2nd VC P 4. Bethann Rahn – Treas. P 5. Mimi Rankin – Sec. E 6. Tony Barnes A 7. Pat Wright A 8. Jim Waters A 9. Marianne Darnell A 10. Janet Thomas A 11. Steve Keglovitz A 12. David Cadena A 13. Brent Gillette A 14. Tammy Gillette A 15. Bob Carter P 16. Carole Carter P 17. Julie Dennis A 18. Linda Aerts P <p><i>Quorum exists with 3 officers and 20 MDP (state party) members.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 19. Paul Watson A 20. Bill Ream A 21. Dan Hess P 22. Dan Kosheba A 23. David Kieft A 24. Jeff Beegle A 25. Kathy Hess P 26. Debra Griffin A 27. Willie Minor A 28. Elise Elzinga A 29. Paul Martin A 30. Donna Secor Pennington A 31. Mitch Dennison A 32. Barb Kolen A 33. Brandon Gemzer A 34. Phyllis Loudermill A 35. Don Munski A 36. Darma Canter A 37. Vickie Clock A 	<p>Automatic Members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 38. Dennis Murphy A 39. Collene Lamonte A 40. Terry J. Sabo E 41. Cathy Forbes A 42. Nancy A. Waters A 43. Tony Moulatsiotis A 44. DJ Hilson A 45. Michael Poulin P 46. Brenda Moore A 47. Mark Fairchild P 48. Tim DeMumbrum P 49. Ken Mahoney A 50. Ben Cross P 51. Susie Hughes A 52. Zabrina Santiago A 53. Jeff Lohman A 54. Charles Nash A 55. Rillastine Wilkins A <p><i>KEY P=Present A=Absent E=Excused</i></p>
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1. Call to Order: 7:03 p.m.
2. Pledge and a moment of silence for Doug Smith
3. Roll call of Officers:

Chair Jennifer Barnes - present
1st Vice-Chair William Snyder – excused absence
2nd Vice-Chair Bob Wright - present
Treasurer Bethann Rahn - present
Secretary Mimi Rankin – excused absence

4. Introduction/Recognition:

- a. Elected Officials Present –
 - a. Sheriff Poolin: Signed a new contract on April 3 with Egelston Township to supply a sheriff deputy to that township for a certain amount of hours per week. Also hired three new correctional facility staff members.
 - b. Mark Fairchild, County Register of Deeds: Good seeing everyone.
 - c. Ben Cross, Chair County Commissioner: Working on a five year plan with elected and appointed officials as well as department heads. Working on combining duplicated positions. They would like to add some of the benefits the workers have lost back in; however, need to work together to see how this can be done. Setting bench marks (goals) have been talked about. Placing these bench marks and then review to make sure they are met and if they are not, why.
- b. Elected Union Representatives –
 - a. Bob Wright spoke on behalf of his union at the Muskegon County Road Commission. They have many road projects scheduled for this summer; for example, 30 miles of chip seal for Ottawa and

Oceania Counties; part of M120, and portion between Russell and Fruitvale exits. The Road Commission has also hired four new employees.

c. Candidates – No candidates for the 2017 or 2018 election spoke.

5. Committee Reports:

Membership-

Muskegon County MDP Members - 349

MDP Members Present - 17

Total People in Attendance - 20

6. Board Reports:

a. Secretary Report: Did not have a quorum so March minutes will be voted on at the May meeting.

b. Treasurer Report: Did not have a quorum so March minutes will be voted on at the May meeting.

c. Chair Report:

- I. March 18 Lansing Leadership Conference: Will, Jen, Bob, and Bethann attended at their expense. Branden Dillion said that this conference would have a part to help the local parties work together with other committees; for example, We the People, Progressive groups, etc.. Unfortunately this did not happen except for encouraging everyone to attend each other's meetings and functions. We also did not receive any compensation for 2016 MDP membership renewals from Muskegon County residents. We were informed that whenever someone signs up they must indicate on the top right corner of a paper application or somewhere on the online application that they are from Muskegon County. We will be arguing this decision because the MDP knows what county the person lives in and should automatically credit us the incentive. We will be sending a letter along with a list of all Muskegon County residents who signed up for a MDP membership in 2016 in hopes that they will send us our compensation. It is in our opinion that MCDP should receive the tiered compensation for ALL Muskegon County residents who sign up for a MDP membership. This should not just be for Muskegon County, but for all counties.
- II. Contact Jen if you know of anyone who would like to run for a future elected position.
- III. Jen attended the Legacy Dinner. Keith Ellison was the speaker and was wonderful.
- IV. Flowers were sent to the funeral home of Jackie Darnell and will also be sent to the funeral home of Doug Smith.
- V. Jen will be attending the Black Women's Caucus breakfast fundraiser this Saturday.
- VI. From what she has been told, the Wild Game dinner was a success.
- VII. Salvation Army Golf Fundraiser on June 2 at Westwind Golf; 4-person scramble; 9 a.m. shotgun start; \$50 per person. Preferred Chrysler and Vans Car Wash are main sponsors. Other sponsorships are available. Contact Jen or Bob Carter for sponsorships or registering to play.

Special Guests/Invited Speakers:

No special guests tonight. Bill Kobbs, who is running for Governor, will be at our May meeting.

7. Unfinished Business:

- a. Website: Charlie Fairchild said that the two domain names are www.muskegondems.org and www.muskegondems.com. The framework is completed and he and Jason will be working on the rest of the website with hopes to have it up and running within the next couple of weeks.

8. New Business:

- a. Tim Demembrum is working with a committee to stop gerrymandering. They need 317,000 signatures in the next 180 days. Contact Tim if you would like to sign the petition.
- b. Patsy Petty informed us about the Muskegon Heights Festival in the Park which will be held at Muskegon Heights Roan Park starting Tuesday June 13 through Saturday June 17. Tuesday and Wednesday they will have movies at the park; Thursday will be Gospel singers (free event); Friday there will be a young people's event; Saturday will be a concert by Alaina Renae. Saturday's show starts at 7:30 and the cost is \$15 per person in advance or \$20 per person at the gate, which opens at 5:30 p.m. There will be a parade on Saturday at 11 a.m. with a Mayor's breakfast prior to lining up for the parade. They need sponsors so if you are interested in being a sponsor or walking in the parade, contact Mimi Rankin at 578-2099

9. Comments:

50/50 Raffle: no raffle tonight.

10. Adjournment: 7:42 p.m.