

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

August 10, 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"> <li>1. Jennifer Barnes – Chair P</li> <li>2. William Snyder 1<sup>st</sup> VC E</li> <li>3. Bob Wright 2<sup>nd</sup> VC P</li> <li>4. Bethann Rahn – Treas. P</li> <li>5. Mimi Rankin – Sec. E</li> <li>6. Tony Barnes A</li> <li>7. Pat Wright P</li> <li>8. Jim Waters A</li> <li>9. Marianne Darnell A</li> <li>10. Janet Thomas A</li> <li>11. Steve Keglovitz A</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 A</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 A</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 P</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 E</li> <li>41. Cathy Forbes A</li> <li>42. Nancy A. Waters A</li> <li>43. Tony Moulatsiotis E</li> <li>44. DJ Hilson A</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 A</li> <li>50. Ben Cross A</li> <li>51. Susie Hughes E</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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1. Call to Order: 7:12 p.m.
2. Pledge and a moment of silence for Doug Smith
3. Roll call of Officers:

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

4. Special Guests/Invited Speakers:
  - a. Jeff Winston, Organizer for MDP, spoke on Project 83; how MDP works to find good candidates to run for office; and Day of Action (information under the Chair’s report).
5. Introduction/Recognition:
  - a. Elected Officials Present – No one wanted to speak.
  - b. Elected Union Representatives – Bill Ream said that he attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional Gala and it was a great night...nice venue, good food, and great speakers.
  - c. Candidates – No candidates in attendance.
6. Committee Reports:

Membership-  
Muskegon County MDP Members - 271

MDP Members Present - 14

Total People in Attendance – 18

Fundraising-

Next fundraising meeting will be on Thursday, August 24, 5:30 p.m. at the CIO Hall.

7. Board Reports:

- a. Secretary Report: No quorum; tabled until September's meeting.
- b. Treasurer Report: No quorum; tabled until September's meeting.
- c. Chair Report:
  - I. Day of Action is Saturday, August 26. Meet at the CIO Hall at 10 a.m. We will be knocking on doors and asking a couple questions for the MDP. These questions and a list of homes to go to will be explained and handed out at the CIO Hall.
  - II. State Central is in Traverse City on Saturday, August 12. Will Snyder and Jennifer Barnes will be attending as well as Dan Hess as an alternate.
  - III. Mr. TC Nash's Board of Canvassers position expires this October. We have received an email from TC indicating that he would like to continue on the board. The process is that anyone who is interested that they send communication to the party chair. We all vote on the top three candidates and the Chair then gives those three recommendations to the County Commissioners who will decide the recipient of the position.
  - IV. The health care town hall meeting that was supposed to be in August has been moved to September 30. There was a miscommunication with the MDP consultant and Chair Barnes. The location has to be confirmed with the date change; however, it is temporarily set to be held at Muskegon Community College. In attendance there will be one congress person, a policy expert, and Representative Terry Sabo. Final details will be announced on our Facebook page and at September's MCDP party meeting.
  - V. Rep. Terry Sabo fundraiser at Pat's Roadhouse on August 11. Tickets are \$15 per person or two for \$25
  - VI. There is a Debbie Stabenow fundraiser on Wednesday, August 30 from 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. The location is at the home of Pam Groessl and David Leonard; 3105 Scenic Dr. The price is: Platinum \$1,000; Gold \$500; Silver \$250; Bronze \$150; Guest \$50. For more information or to RSVP please contact Matt Phelan, mphen@stabenowforsenate.com or (810) 923-2307. In addition you can respond online at [www.DebbieStabenow.com/Muskegon](http://www.DebbieStabenow.com/Muskegon).

8. Unfinished Business:

- a. Annual Picnic is at Pat's Roadhouse on September 9 from 3-7 p.m. This is a pig roast with all the fixings. Silent auctions, children activities and speakers will be on hand. Postcard invitations will be sent out next week. Our keynote speaker will be Sam Singh, the House Democratic leader. We also have many speakers coming including Rob Davidson, the governor candidates and more! Prices are \$20 per person; \$30 per couple; \$40 per family. Sponsorships are still available. Contact any of the board members for sponsorships and/or picnic tickets.

9. New Business:

- a. Tentatively a casino trip has been scheduled for Saturday, January 20 to Gun Lake Casino; more information to follow.
- b. Spring Gala is set for Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 5:30-9 p.m. at the Folkert Community Center. More information to follow.

10. Comments:

- a. Jenny McNeil spoke for Andy O'Rielly letting everyone know that he plans to run for the 91<sup>st</sup> District State Representative position.
- b. Mr. Nash commented that the Muskegon NAACP meets every second and fourth Wednesday from 5:30 – 7 p.m. at the Transit Station (corner of Sherman and Sixth Street).
- c. 50/50 Raffle: Pot was \$44.

11. Adjournment: 8:15 p.m.