

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

December 14, 2017

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 E 4. Bethann Rahn – Treas. P 5. Mimi Rankin – Sec. P 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 P 21. Dan Hess P 22. Dan Kosheba A 23. David Kieft A 24. Jeff Beegle A 25. Kathy Hess A 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 P 41. Cathy Forbes A 42. Nancy A. Waters A 43. Tony Moulatsiotis A 44. DJ Hilson P 45. Michael Poulin A 46. Brenda Moore A 47. Mark Fairchild A 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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- Call to Order: 7:08 p.m.
- Pledge
- Roll call of Officers:

Chair Jennifer Barnes - present

1st Vice-Chair William Snyder – excused

2nd Vice-Chair Bob Wright – excused

Treasurer Bethann Rahn - present

Secretary Mimi Rankin – present

- Special Guest/Invited Speakers - Tim Smith, Chair 2nd Congressional District; Tim talked about the separation of the Democratic parties, although parties have the same mission and goals they are moving into different directions, he’s asking for the party to unite. Tim also talked about the Doug Jones (Alabama) election and how 95% African American votes helped Jones win. Tim said there are several elections coming up and we need to pick the most serious campaigns. He proposed the Project 8 plan, refocus on local parties; build democratic brand by making phone calls, knocking on doors and increase visibility; create a rapids response system; retrain local leaders on how to gather information; mend bridges with other groups and better coordination with elected official candidates.
- Introduction/Recognition:
 - a. Elected Officials Present –
 - a. DJ Hilson, Muskegon County Prosecutor – He is working several high-profile cases and all’s well in the prosecutor’s office.

- b. Ben Cross, County Commissioner - He talked about the defeated millage, they are looking at cutting 100 positions, closing Brookhaven and the loss of funding for the veteran's sobriety court. Commissioners will be looking at collecting data and moving forward with another millage in 2018.

b. Candidates -

- a. Any O'Rielly – Talked about is run for the 91st Congressional seat and upcoming fundraising efforts.
- b. Adam Bell – Talked about why he decided to run and his efforts to unseat Bob Scholik

- Committee Reports:

Membership-

Muskegon County MDP Members - 10

MDP Members Present - 7

Total People in Attendance -17

- Board Reports:

- a. Secretary Report: No quorum
- b. Treasurer Report: No quorum (Bethann reported on the upcoming events and the party fund balance.)
- c. Chair Report:
 - I. Thanked everyone who walked in the White Lake parade
 - II. Gave a brief update on attending the Progressive Democratic Women's Caucus meeting at MCC (trying to bridge the gap)
 - III. Let everyone know that Penny Schuyler is revamping the website and should be up and running soon
 - IV. Democratic Party participated in the Cobb Plant protest
 - V. MCDP membership due in January

New Business

- a. Jennifer was contacted by Candidate Abdul El-Sayed's campaign regarding holding a town meeting. She advised the campaign we cannot endorse a candidate until after the primary, but is willing to have all candidates in for a debate if they are interested. Jennifer also intends to reach out to Dr. Davidson and Nick Schiller to have them appear at a monthly meeting to each talk about their platforms.
- b. Save the date for the GALA on May 5, 2018
- c. Reminder about the upcoming Gun Lake Casino Bus Trip on Saturday, January 20, 2018, cost \$30 per person

- Comments:

- Adjournment: 8:11 p.m.