

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

March 9, 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 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. A</li> <li>6. Tony Barnes A</li> <li>7. Pat Wright P</li> <li>8. Jim Waters P</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 P</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 P</li> <li>32. Barb Kolen P</li> <li>33. Brandon Gemzer P</li> <li>34. Phyllis Loudermill A</li> <li>35. Don Munski P</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 P</li> <li>44. DJ Hilson P</li> <li>45. Michael Poulin P</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 A</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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1. Called to Order: 7:05 p.m.
2. Pledge.
3. 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 - absent
4. Introduction/Recognition:
  - a. Elected Officials Present –
    - a. Sheriff Poulin: Good things are happening. He is enjoying going into work every day again and working with some great people.
    - b. Prosecutor DJ Hilson: He has been reappointed to a three year term on the Criminal Justice Policy Commission.
    - c. County Treasurer Tony Moulatsiotis: Busy time of the year with taxes. Contacted Debbie Stabenow’s office to see if she is available to speak at the Gala. Waiting for an answer so we can plan the Gala.
    - d. County Commissioner Ken Mahoney: Brought blank postcards for people to send to President Trump on March 15. Discussed how President Trump’s new insurance plan will affect the County and Health West (Community Mental Health).
    - e. City Councilman Ken Johnson: City staff says that they believe the City of Muskegon is going in the right direction. One of the main goals is downtown housing. The Terrace Plaza apartments are all leased. Working closely with Muskegon Public Schools to help them so they do not end up like

Muskegon Heights Academy. They passed a resolution to keep Muskegon Heights Academy open and sent it to Lansing. Sappi smoke stack coming down in July; will cost \$1 million, which is being paid for by a grant. Sappi gave the City of Muskegon \$500,000 when they closed.

- f. County Surveyor Tim Demumbrum: Huizenga is supposed to be planning a Town Hall meeting in Muskegon. The ones he has had in Traverse City and Ottawa County have been packed.
  - b. Elected Union Representatives – No elected union representatives had anything to say. However two union members spoke:
    - a. Lakeshore Community Labor Counsel-Ryan Bennett: Sportsman Dinner is at Polish Falcon on April 13, 2017. Ryan will put the information on MCDP's Facebook page. A new group called "West Michigan Undivided-Rebuild our Democracy" is a non-partisan group that will be meeting on March 25 at 2:30 p.m. at MCC. This group will have breakout sessions and speakers. Lunch will be provided and they are asking for donations.
    - b. MI Nursing Association-Branden Gemzer: On March 22 there will be a Michigan Nurses march in Lansing at noon on safe staffing.
  - c. Candidates – No candidates for the 2017 or 2018 election spoke.
5. Committee Reports:  
Membership-  
Muskegon County MDP Members - 349  
MDP Members Present - 25  
Total People in Attendance - 35
6. Board Reports:  
Secretary Report by Chair Jennifer Barnes: Corrections were made to the Minutes with a motion to accept from Dave Kieft and supported by Bob Carter; unanimously passed.  
Treasurer Report: A motion by Bob Carter and supported by Tony Moulatsiotis; unanimously passed.  
Chair Report: State party convention was in Detroit with Chair Barnes and First Vice Chair Snyder attending with many other MCDP members also attending; approximately 5,000 in total attendance in Detroit. New 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional Chair is Tim Smith. 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District's next meeting will be March 12, 2 p.m. at the Muskegon Township Board Room. Bob Carter, Tony Moulatsiotis, and Jason Collella worked on updating the MCDP Bylaws. Changes were suggested and will be re-sent out for a vote at our April meeting to accept the new MCDP Bylaws. Reminded everyone about the April 1 Little River Casino Bus trip; still seats available. The Board will be attending the MDP Leadership Summit in Lansing on March 18 and 19. The board members will be paying for this out of their own pockets.
7. Special Guests/Invited Speakers:  
No special guests tonight. Bill Cobbs, who is running for Governor, will be at our May meeting.
8. Unfinished Business: No unfinished business.
9. New Business:
  - a. Because of the Sportsman's Dinner being on our regularly scheduled April meeting night it was motioned by Brandon Gemzer and seconded by DJ Hilson and unanimously passed to move our April meeting to April 19.
  - b. Sean Mullally: Asked when Representative Sabo will have coffee hours or a town hall. Will Snyder replied that March 27th at Rykes Bakery from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and Laketon Township Hall Noon to 2 p.m. Also announced a House Democratic Caucus listening tour entitled "This is Your House Town Hall" With Representatives Sabo and Brinks. The town hall will be held on Monday, April 10, at Muskegon Community College in the Stevenson Center Lecture Hall from 5:30 – 7 p.m. Democratic Floor leader Greig is tentatively scheduled to attend as well.
  - c. Wesley Wilson: Announced that on April 1 the Michigan Federation of College Democrats are having their First Annual Great Lakes Gala in Albion with tickets at \$30 per person; sponsorships also available. Speakers to include Debbie Stabenow, Gary Peters, Debbie Dingell, Dan Kildee, and Gretchen Whitmer. Also on March 18 the GVSU Democrats will be having the First Annual Lakers Gala with ticket prices \$30 per person; sponsorships available. Speakers to include Gretchen Whitmer, Brandon Dillon, Jim Ananich, David Knezek, and John Austin. Contact Wesley if you are interested in attending or being a sponsor for either event.
10. Comments:  
50/50 Raffle: \$123 – Will Snyder was the winner and donated \$118 back to the party.
11. Adjournment: 8:10 p.m.