

St. Joseph County Democratic Party

April 9, 2020 monthly meeting minutes:

- I. Meeting (via teleconference) called to order by Chair Andrew George at 6:34 PM.
- II. Introduction members/guests- those in attendance (via phone) introduced themselves
- III. The agenda was approved on a motion by Dennis Smith, supported by Carol Higgins
- IV. Guest Speaker: Elizabeth Welch (MI Supreme Court candidate-website: [WelchforJustice.com](http://WelchforJustice.com))-Info.: 25 yrs. employee law, advocacy for public schools, past school board member, J. Benson finance chair. State Rep. (6<sup>th</sup> District Candidate) Jon Hoadley reported on state house activities supporting Stay Home-Stay Safe, campaign virtual updates, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter donations up, more endorsements coming
- V. Approve minutes
  - a. For March were approved on a motion by Paula Smith, supported by Carol Higgins
- VI. Executive Reports
  - a. Secretary Report- Bobalik reported domain name renewal with GoDaddy and pending transfer to current hosting site SquareSpace.com
  - b. Treasurers' Report- none
  - c. Chair Report- Gov. statement on Stay Home-Stay Safe, no updates on state-wide convention, three local jurisdictions have May elections
- VII. Committee Reports:
  - a. Steering – See f. below
  - b. Political Action- None; no active chair. Volunteer(s) needed
  - c. Membership- C. Higgins- MDOT summer clean up TBD
  - d. Communication- None
  - e. Ways & Means- None
  - f. Precinct Organization- Precinct delegates needed (see attachment); 83 slots available. Info. At: [michigan.gov/documents/sos/Filing\\_Req\\_For\\_Precinct\\_Del2020\\_REDO\\_659722\\_7.pdf](http://michigan.gov/documents/sos/Filing_Req_For_Precinct_Del2020_REDO_659722_7.pdf)
- VIII. Old Business:
  - a. None
- IX. New Business-
  - a. Paula Smith- volunteer training (webinars at: [www.mobilize.us/midems](http://www.mobilize.us/midems)); will need volunteers for the fair booth committee. Contact Paula if interested (269) 615-2887
  - b. Our next meeting will be May, 14, 2020 (may be a teleconference) or at the Three Rivers office (113 Portage St.). Potluck 6:00 p.m., meeting at 6:30 p.m. Questions email: [stjoecountydemsparty@yahoo.com](mailto:stjoecountydemsparty@yahoo.com)
- X. Good and Welfare-
  - a. C. Higgins- Amy East (candidate for 59<sup>th</sup> house seat) will need positive press
  - b. Kathy Greaves- questions about county commission candidates and Three Rivers school board
- XI. Meeting Adjournment: At 7:43 declared by Chair George

Michael Bobalik, Secretary

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