St. Joseph County Democratic Party

April 11, 2019 monthly meeting minutes:

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Andrew George at 6:30 PM.
2. Introduction members/guests- New members: Mike Curtis, David Wolf, Mike Hogoboom, Alnethia Dorrington, Tom Nelson, 11 current members
3. The agenda was amended and approved on a motion by Tom Nelson, supported by Dennis Smith
4. Approve minutes
   1. For March were approved on a motion by Deb Bordner, supported by Carol Higgins
5. Executive Reports
   1. Secretary Report- None
   2. Treasurers’ Report- approval tabled due to treasurers’ absence on a motion by Tom Nelson, supported by Deb Bordner. Approved
   3. Chair Report- Andrew met with Joey Andrews (CD6) to discuss candidate selection for 2020
6. Committee Reports- (Eddie LaBoeuf gave state central report-added to amended agenda)
   1. Steering and By-laws Committee- None
   2. Political Organization Report: Kathleen Brandon (Co-chair) reviewed county-wide meeting schedule
   3. Membership & Outreach- Carol Higgins reported on new membership; see above. Regarding the roadside clean up from Carol, “We went out on Friday, April 12th at 5 pm from Diann and Gary King's home along with 8 volunteers from the Probation Center who signed up to help.  Future dates are in July and September”
   4. Communication Committee- none. Paula Smith would like to see a newsletter like the one from Berrien County
   5. Ways & Means Committee- Deb Bordner checking on October dates for fund raiser
   6. Precinct Organization Committee- first meeting 4/22 focusing on precinct delegate recruitment; seeking precinct captains for each precinct
7. Old Business:
   1. Mike Hogoboom and Andrew George will research date/venue to present the film Fix It- Healthcare at the Tipping Point
   2. Motion by Eddie LaBoeuf, supported by Tom Nelson to investigate possible gun safety program w/o any NRA affiliation 12 Ayes, 3 Nays. Motion carried
8. New Business:
   1. Candidates needed for: 1st(Three Rivers)and 5th (Sturgis) County Commission seats, trustees for Lockport and Mendon townships
   2. Need to build volunteer base in preparation for 2020
9. Good and Welfare-
   1. Andrew George- pleased with attendance and new members
   2. Paula Smith- MDP Webinar training (Train the trainer). Visit MDP site or email/call Paula for more detail
   3. Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 9, 2019 at the Three Rivers office (113 Portage St.) Questions, email: [stjoecountydemsparty@yahoo.com](mailto:stjoecountydemsparty@yahoo.com). Potluck 6 p.m., meeting 6:30 p.m.
10. Meeting Adjournment: At 8:03 on a motion by Eddie LaBoeuf, supported by Greg Bordner . Approved

Michael Bobalik, Secretary

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