

St. Joseph County Democratic Party

June 11, 2020 monthly meeting minutes:

- I. Meeting (Zoom conference) called to order by Chair Andrew George at 6:37 PM.
- II. Introduction members/guests- those in attendance (via Zoom) introduced themselves
- III. The agenda was approved on a motion by Paula Smith, supported by Carol Higgins
- IV. Guest Speakers: Alexandra Andrews (One Campaign) 734-673-5670, email: aandrews@1campaignmi.com
- V. Amy East-campaign update; for events, etc. see: facebook.com/east4MIrep/
- VI. Approve minutes
  - a. For May were approved on a motion by Judy Nelson, supported by Paula Smith
- VII. Executive Reports
  - a. Secretary Report- Domain name to be moved to SquareSpace from GoDaddy
  - b. Treasurers' Report- received and placed on file. Please consider being a "sustaining member"
  - c. Chair Report- Andrew busy with campaign and #8CantWait - Local Resolution
- VIII. Committee Reports:
  - a. Steering committee- Dennis Smith "Zoom operating in the office"
  - b. Political Organization Committee- Chair needed, Siohban Leonard will work with precinct delegates to promote county commission candidates
  - c. Membership committee- Carol Higgins- road clean-up window 7/18-7/26 more information later
  - d. Communication Committee- none
  - e. Ways and Means- none
  - f. Precinct Organization- Precinct delegates- only 10 on ballot at this time (2016 we had 47). Write-in forms available; Contact Paula if interested (269) 615-2887. **It is important to get additional precinct delegate candidates on the ballot. Deadline: 7/31/2020.**
- IX. Zoom Account:
  - a. Purchased and donated for party use by Andrew George
- X. New Business-
  - a. ActBlue Campaign – use this to become a sustaining member; you set the amount of your monthly contribution
  - b. #8CantWait - Local Resolution- Andrew George, met with sheriff candidate Lillywhite and Joe Bippus (Three Rivers) to discuss an 8-point plan for policing. Motion by Carol Higgins, supported by Mike Bobalik for the party to become co-signers on the resolution. Approved
  - c. Round Table Discussion - Black Lives Matter-hosted by Diann King and Paula Smith at the King home. Contact Paula if interested (269) 615-2887
  - d. Our next meeting will be July, 9, 2020 (in-person or Zoom; TBD) meeting at 6:30 p.m. Questions email: stjoecondemsparty@yahoo.com
- XI. Good and Welfare-
  - a. Paula Smith- volunteers needed for the fair- setup/take down, decorations. Contact Paula if interested (269) 615-2887
  - b. Ben Greaves- join NAACP for \$30, if 10 members join he will match up to \$300. Contact: bgr3av3s@gmail.com/ Also see: naacp.org/membership
  - c. Carol Higgins- contributions accepted for the George Washington Carver Center in Three Rivers
  - d. Office now open- Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 9:30-4:30 p.m. **Staffing help needed.**
- XII. Meeting Adjournment: At 7:38 declared by Chair George

Michael Bobalik, Secretary

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