

St. Joseph County Democratic Party

June 24, 2021 Executive Committee meeting minutes:

- I. Meeting (Zoom conference) called to order by Chair Kathy Greaves at 6:36 PM.
- II. Introduction members/guests- those in attendance (via Zoom) introduced themselves
- III. The agenda was approved on a motion by Carol Higgins, supported by Mike Bobalik
- IV. Approve minutes
 - a. For May were approved on a motion by Ben Greaves, supported by Carol Higgins
- V. Executive Reports
 - a. Secretary Report- Bobalik discussed use of Google Drive for files; information shared to officers
 - b. Treasurers' Report- None
 - c. Chair Report-
 1. Office: **MUST vacate 30 days after being notified.** Discussion: operating w/o and office, 2. Meet in member homes, 3. Seek new location
 2. MDP 6th District Committee General Membership Zoom meeting on Saturday, May 15
 - a. Resolution in support of the Medicare For All of 2021 passed unanimously
 - i. <http://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1976/text>
 - b. MDP training webinars
 - i. <https://michigandems.com/toolkit/mdp-webinar-signup/>
 - c. Voter suppression bills in MI House & Senate (see attached)
 - d. Submit public comment for redistricting commission; you can submit map drawings!
 - i. <https://www.michigan.gov/micrc/>
 - e. Allegan County has a "3rd Tuesday Series"
 - i. May 18: Zoom with Dana Nessel
 - ii. June 15: Regenerative Farming
 1. www.leanliving.org
 2. <http://kissthegroundmovie.com>
 - f. Jermarrio Eddie is new MDP representative for SJC
 3. Attended No More Hate Rally in K'zoo on May 16, 2021
- VI. Committee Reports
 - a. Steering committee- None
 - b. Political Organization Committee- None
 - c. Membership committee- Carol Higgins: road clean-up in July; updates when available
 - d. Communication Committee- None
 - e. Ways and Means- None
 - f. Precinct Organization- None
- VII. Old Business
 - a. Road clean- up see above
 - b. Comcast account established and paid to date
 - c. Still looking for PO box key, may need to purchase another
 - d. Office hours: Luis Perez will be in Thursday 5-7 p.m. Kathy Greaves will be in Sat. 9 am-12 pm.
 - e. Gmail: will be the sole email client used for future communications
 - f. Revised party bylaws approved on a motion by Carol Higgins, supported by Erin Schultes. Will be emailed to all and posted on the website
 - g. Hayley MDP: "we can operate without an office; just meet virtually"

- h. Our next meeting will be July, 8, 2021 **IN-PERSON** (with via Zoom available); meeting at 6:30 p.m. Questions email: stjoecountydems@gmail.com

VIII. New Business

- a. Discussion on volunteers to make calls; upcoming elections; activating the base- brief

IX. Good and Welfare

- a. Congratulations to Luis Perez on his appointment to the Sturgis City Commission
- b. Office discussion: Objective, locale, meeting in-person and via Zoom

X. Meeting Adjournment: Motion by Mike Bobalik, supported by Ben Greaves and declared at 7:32 by Chair Greaves

Michael Bobalik, Secretary

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