

St. Joseph County Democratic Party

May 9, 2019 monthly meeting minutes:

- I. Meeting called to order by Chair Andrew George at 6:38 PM.
- II. Introduction members/guests- New members: 17 current members, special guest- Paul Clements, CD6 chair
- III. The agenda was amended and approved on a motion by Ike Pangle, supported by Paula Smith
- IV. Approve minutes
 - a. For April were approved on a motion by Larry Welborn, supported by Paula Smith
- V. CD6 update- P. Clements- pleased with attendance, CD6 now has 2 full-time employees, make sure all local Dems are in the MDP database, Jon Hoadley running against F. Upton, next meeting Union Hall 3026 Lovers Ln. Kalamazoo on 5/18 at 10:00 a.m.
- VI. Executive Reports
 - a. Secretary Report- None
 - b. Treasurers' Report- accepted on a motion by Paula Smith, supported by Ike Pangle. Approved
 - c. Chair Report- nominating petitions for Gary Peters will be available soon
- VII. Committee Reports-
 - a. Steering and By-laws Committee- Dennis Smith emailed Pete Buttigieg regarding attendance at a future meeting
 - b. Political Organization Report: Larry Welborn (Co-chair) finalized county-wide elected/appointed officials on Google Docs
 - c. Membership & Outreach- Carol Higgins reported on 4 new memberships. Motion by Paula Smith, supported by Bill Pattee to appropriate up to \$200 for fees/materials related to summer festival float. Approved
 - d. Communication Committee- read attached note from Coral Fry, Eddie LaBoeuf will become chair
 - e. Ways & Means Committee- none
 - f. Precinct Organization Committee- Paula Smith- goal posters for office of county-wide elected/appointed officials, will provide information on campaign strategies
- VIII. Old Business:
 - a. Dennis Smith- motion by Ike Pangle, supported by Judy Nelson to have Constantine police lieutenant do gun safety class in June, venue TBD. Approved
 - b. Mike Hogoboom and Andrew George continue research date/venue to present the film Fix It- Healthcare at the Tipping Point
 - c. Key county races: 1st (Three Rivers) and 5th (Sturgis) County Commission seats, trustees for Lockport and Mendon townships. Larry Welborn consider adding 2nd district (Colon, Burr Oak) based on number of Dems in place in 2nd district
 - d. Volunteer recruitment- Andrew George encourages "bring one new person per meeting"
 - e. Motion by Mike Bobalik, supported by Bill Pattee to remove Larry Welborn from Sturgis Bank and Trust account. Approved. Motion by Ike Pangle, supported by Carol Higgins to add Andrew George as signatory to Sturgis Bank and Trust account. Approved. Motion by Paula Smith, supported by Ike Pangle to assign party charge card numbers to necessary accounts (to be handled by Judy Nelson). Approved
- IX. New Business:
 - a. Motion by Paula Smith, supported by Bill Pattee to reimburse Eddie LaBoeuf \$50 for advertising costs. Approved
 - b. Jon Hoadley "Spring into Action" event Friday, May 17 6:00-7:30 Radisson Hotel, Kalamazoo
 - c. Civil Discourse form 5/15, 6:30 p.m Berrien County RESA, 711 St. Joseph Ave., Berrien Springs
- X. Good and Welfare-

- a. Suzette Kingman-Lowry- contact with ideas for future meeting speakers
- b. At the April meeting one of the new attendees made a comment about wanting us to promote the issues that are most important. He listed education, health care and climate change. It might be a good idea for the membership to provide their feedback on the most important issues and ask which one(s) they would like the party to promote and with which they would like to assist. If you would like to share your comments, please send them to the email address below.
- c. Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 13, 2019 at the Three Rivers office (113 Portage St.). **Meeting** 4:00 p.m. **NOTE**: brief meeting before float set up and participation in Three Rivers Waterfront parade. Possible-Potluck to follow? Questions, email: stjoecountydemsparty@yahoo.com

XI. Meeting Adjournment: At 8:07 on a motion by Ike Pangle, supported by Judy Nelson. Approved

Michael Bobalik, Secretary

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