

St. Joseph County Democratic Party

May 12, 2022 monthly meeting minutes:

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Carol Higgins at 6:31 PM.
2. Introduction members/guests- Mike Bobalik, Carol Higgins, Ike Pangle, Erin Schultes, Julia Gardner, Paul Guthrie, Victoria Fisher, Ned Good, Suzette Kingman-Lowery, Wendy Evans, Sue Sleeper
3. The agenda was approved on a motion by Julie Gardner., supported by Paul Guthrie
4. Approve minutes-April 2022 meeting- approved on motion by Julie Gardner, supported by Mike Bobalik
Treasurers' Report- Motion by M. Bobalik, supported by A. Good to place on file. Approved
5. Chair Report-
 - a. Need for election workers, texting platform from Cass Cty. Dems-coming soon, volunteers needed TBD
6. Secretary Report-
 - a. Survey Monkey results reported
7. Treasurer Report- None
8. Reports of Committees
 - a. Platform & Issues- Ballot initiatives (sign when available), stressed need for affordable housing (will urge county commission to use ARPA funds)
 - b. Candidate Recruitment & Support- Independent candidates can file for November, Erin Schultes running for county commission- district #2
 - c. Party Building- thank you, Sue Sleeper for be membership chair, she also created a survey of local priorities
 - d. Communication & Message Management- Chair needed, updates needed on Facebook
 - e. Fundraising- None
 - f. Precinct Organization- None
9. Unfinished Business
 - a. Report on May 15 event- article posted on Watershed Voice; see www.Watershedvoice.com
10. New business
 - a. Funding requests- reimburse Erin Schultes for cupcake supplies
11. For the Good and Welfare
 - a. June 16 Free Ride using county transit system
 - b. Ike Pangle will research Rural Caucus pop-up event process
 - c. Erin Schultes- use ActBlue site for local donations to party and local candidates. Click Donate on the website (see below)
 - d. Our next meeting will be June, 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Dresser Business Center at Glen Oaks Community College, Centreville, MI. Question, please email: stjoecountydems@gmail.com
12. Meeting Adjournment: declared at 7:56 by Chair Higgins

Michael Bobalik, Secretary

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