

OCDP Executive Committee Meeting
Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, November 10, 2020

I. Call to Order- by Vaughn Derderian at 7:05 pm.

Roll Call- Officers present: Vaughn Derderian, Wanda Anderson, Julia Galliker, Brian Dunphy, Phil Reid, Carla Meier, Linda Furlough, Gloria Harsten-Spann, E'toille Libbett, Kathy Martin, Loretta Coleman, Bruce Fealk, Kevin Hrit, Melanie Hartman, Sharon Kelly-Person, Brittany Pinnock, Ray Wert and Murray Gorchow. Christine Jensen, Tony Grillo, William Miller, Kelli Williams, Jenny Byer, Jaron Garza and Jeremy Mahrle are excused.

II. Chair's Report- It was wonderful to be part of the 2020 election cycle. We grabbed democracy to keep it moving and we all did it together. Let's all keep doing the work. Individually, we should donate to the Georgia senate races to provide resources to people on the ground.

III. Committee Reports-

- 1) Finance and Treasurer Committee Reports- Phil Reid and Ray Wert. Phil provided the Treasurer's report. The OCDP is currently running 2 bingo games per week. As Finance Committee Chair, Ray described the success of sign sales and fundraising events including those organized with Governor Whitmer, CD 11 Rep Haley Stevens and Oakland County Exec Dave Coulter. The OCDP now has as much cash on hand as it had at the beginning of the pandemic. The organization can now support basic operations until mid-year when vaccines should be widely available. Thanks to hard work by OCDP staff and volunteers, we are now in a more secure financial position.
- 2) Rules and Bylaws- No report.
- 3) Communications- No report.

IV. Unfinished Business- none.

V. New Business-

- 1) This segment was dedicated to the upcoming election of Executive Committee members on Friday, 11/20 at 7 pm. Officers will be elected at the monthly meeting scheduled on Tuesday, Dec 8 at 7 pm. Vaughn reviewed OCDP and MDP bylaws pertaining to elections. Specific questions concerned adaptations necessary given the Zoom format of the elections. Club chairs have been asked to provide slates in advance. Participants will be allocated to club 'rooms' based on residence which confer voting rights.

VI. Good and Welfare/Announcements-

- 1) Pam Gerard discussed the need for an OCDP committee dedicated to diversity. She also requested that national leaders change the name of voter rights legislation to the John Lewis bill.
- 2) Sarah May-Seward ran for White Lake Township Trustee. She stated that things are changing in White Lake. This was the first election in recent memory that someone ran as Dem in a municipal election.
- 3) Barb Anness thanked everyone for supporting her. She is very hopeful of what will happen after redistricting in 2021.
- 4) Steve Reifman asked Dave Coulter to move county operations back to Pontiac.

- 5) Tim Ciechorski thanked everyone who supported him for the election. He is the first LGBTQ person elected to the Royal Oak school board.
- 6) Joe Person noted that 73% of Southfield residents voted for a ballot initiative to reinstate primary elections as provided prior to 2015.
- 7) Laren Baker introduced herself. She is a disability network specialist advocating for services in Oakland.
- 8) Kelly Breen thanked the OCDP for helping to flip the 38th State House seat from red to blue. She especially thanked the South Lyon Dem club members for their work.
- 9) Charlie Cavell thanked everyone for their support and is looking ahead to build for 2022.
- 10) John Freeman thanked Vaughn for his leadership. He said that getting people elected is part 1; part 2 is to enact legislation.
- 11) Rosemerry Allen stated that she is happy that turned Michigan blue.
- 12) Ravi Krishnaswami introduced himself. He is a member of the Troy Dem club.

**VII. Meeting adjourned: 8:30 pm.
Respectfully Submitted, Julia Galliker, Recording Secretary**