

MINUTES
OCDP Executive Committee
Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, June 8, 2021

- I. **Call to Order-** by Chair, Jody LaMacchia at 7:07 pm.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Comments from Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson-** Thank you all for your incredible work in the 2020 election. Buckle up because deception and access to the vote has escalated. There are power holders who are unhappy that so many people voted. More people voted than ever before including absentee voters and young people. We need to protect our rights from those who seek to undermine democracy. In 2022 we need to re-elect the current statewide leadership team.
- IV. **Roll Call, Welcome and Introductions-** Officers present: Jody LaMacchia, Wanda Anderson, Sharon Kelly-Person, Julia Galliker, Phil Reid, Brian Dunphy, Carla Meier, Loretta Coleman, Kelly Dillaha, Brittany Pinnock, Joseph Person, Gloria Harsten-Spann, Dana Fortier, Nancy Quarles, Melanie Hartman, Francine Melotti, Vaugh Dederian and Murray Gorchow. Officers excused: Carlos Cross, Ray Wert, Kevin Hrit, Jenny Byer, Nash Salami, Regina Strong, Tom Regan and Jessica Lumbreras.
- V. **Approval of the Agenda-** Agenda APPROVED as posted.
- VI. **Approval of the Minutes-** Minutes of the 5/11/2021 meeting APPROVED as posted.
- VII. **Chair's Report-** Momentum is going strong to prepare for 2022. Everyone is participating to turn every inch of Oakland County blue. Night school attendance has been strong. Redistricting commission meetings are now underway. If you interested in providing testimony, the OCDP has talking points available. The OCDP is also looking for letter writers to submit letters to the editor on a regular basis. At the recent night school session, the MDP provided voter protection training.
- VIII. **Treasurer's Report-** Phil Reid. Presented the Treasurer's report. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for filing pending audit: APPROVED.
- IX. **Credentials Report-** Director of Operations, Marci Welford. 56 EC members present. The Chair declared a quorum is present. The Credentials Report is accepted.
- X. **Committee Reports-**
 - a. **Political Organizing-** Debbie Rosenman, Chair. Club chairs should expect to see updated delegations for 2022. The PD Subcommittee is actively recruiting delegates a full year ahead. Contact club chairs if you are interested in participating. The Voter Registration and Outreach Subcommittee has been fighting voter suppression in the state Senate. The Candidate Recruitment Subcommittee is compiling a list of open positions for the 2021 municipal elections.
 - b. **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion-** Mikal Goodman, Chair. The Committee Chair described plans for a weeklong series of events to mark the Juneteenth holiday. The schedule will be published soon with a flyer provided to the OCDP.
 - c. **Finance-** Theresa Brooks, Chair. The Finance Committee is still working on the Financial Snapshot. The committee is working on a project to categorize Act Blue donations. The Fundraising Subcommittee is planning a series of upcoming events including a strolling dinner, possibly with the Governor. A Top Golf event is under consideration for the fall or winter as well as a virtual Phil Hart Dinner in November.
 - d. **Bylaws-** Kim Somsy, Chair. The Committee met on 5/30 and voted on 3 proposed amendments. Two amendments pertain to membership; the third pertains to electronic meetings. Note that the role of the Committee is to cull through proposed changes and recommend wording for Executive Committee consideration.

- e. **Membership-** Nancy Quarles, Chair. The Committee met to consider adjustments to membership categories. Membership retention will be the topic for discussion at the July meeting.
- f. **Community Support-** Lisa Keifer, Chair. The Committee is continuing work on a Club resource toolkit which will be rolled out to the clubs. The club is putting together a list of nonprofit organizations that share party values.
- g. **Young Democrats-** The former Committee Chair was unable to continue in the position. The Chair asked Katie Stozicki to step into the position. Katie hopes to expand the club's social media presence to recruit more young members and get youth involved. Motion: Appoint Katie Stozicki as Committee Chair: by Jody LaMacchia, Chair. APPROVED.

XI. Unfinished Business-

- a. Derryl Reed, Strategic Planning Committee Chair reported that a meeting was held but did not have a quorum. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 15.

XII. New Business-

- a. Motion: Amendment to Bylaws, III, Section 7 – Unit Rule. This amendment is to comply with MDP rules. APPROVED.
- b. Motion: Amendment to Bylaws, Article III, Section 9 – Gender Neutral Language. APPROVED.
- c. Roberts Rules only allow for electronic meetings if authorized in the Bylaws. The pandemic has made provisions for remote participation a requirement for many organizations as well as the OCDP. The Bylaws need to be amended to reflect our new reality of virtual meetings. Article VI, Sections 1-2, 4-6 and Article VII, Section 2.7 pertain to notice of an electronic meeting platform. Proposed new Article VI, Section 7 provides authorization for electronic meetings. Section 8 provides ground rules for electronic meetings. Motion: consider Amendment to Bylaws, Articles VI and VII in three separate pieces: by Jody LaMacchia. APPROVED. Motion: Amendment to Bylaws Article VI, Sections 1-2, 4-6, and Article VII, Section 2.7 and addition of Article VI Sections 7 and 8. APPROVED.

XIII. Announcements and Good & Welfare

- a. Nicole Breadon invites everyone to a fundraiser to send Rosemary Bayer back to Lansing.
- b. Derryl Reed urges everyone to attend the West Bloomfield Juneteenth celebration.
- c. Carla Meier mentioned that the Communications Committee is missing a tent that may be in someone's garage. Carla is happy to pick up the tent.
- d. Brian Smith is on the slate running for Novi City Council and has scheduled a fund raiser.
- e. Nina Abrams announced the upcoming Oak Park Huntington Woods Juneteenth event.
- f. Mona DeQuis, MDP is recruiting volunteers for phone banks to target constituents in Ruth Johnson and Jim Runestad's districts.
- g. Kris McLonis announced a fundraiser picnic by Ferndale Dems in 6/26. It is an outdoor event with free food.
- h. Mikal Goodman is running for office in Pontiac. He is looking to engage youth and young Dems.
- i. Rosemerry Allen emphasized the importance of redistricting.
- j. Kevin Church announced that the North Oakland Dem club will hold its annual fundraiser on 6/16 with Dana Nessel on Zoom.

XIV. Adjournment- 8:58 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Julia Galliker, Recording Secretary