

MINUTES
OCDP Executive Committee
Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, March 9, 2021

- I. Call to Order-** by Chair, Jody LaMacchia at 7:06 pm.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call, Welcome and Introductions-** Officers present: Jody LaMacchia, Wanda Anderson, Sharon Kelly-Person, Julia Galliker, Kevin Hrit, Phil Reid, Brian Dunphy, Carla Meier, Kelly Dillaha, Brittany Pinnock, Nash Salami, Nancy Quarles, Joseph Person, Gloria Harsten-Spann, Dana Fortier, Tom Regan, Jessica Lumbreras, Regina Strong, Melanie Hartman, Francine Melotti, and Murray Gorchow. Officers excused: Carlos Cross, Ray Wert, Loretta Coleman, Jenny Byer and Tony Grillo.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda-**Without objection, the Agenda was APPROVED as posted.
- V. Approval of the Minutes-**After an initial objection was withdrawn, the Minutes were APPROVED as posted.
- VI. Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence-** Delivered some brief comments in between votes in Congress. Brenda asked OCDP members to work collectively, both for the present and for future generations. She expressed concern about voter suppression laws and that we must be organized and unified to win.
- VII. Chair's Report-** The Chair noted that she has received many suggestions about how to make the meetings run more smoothly. The goal is to make meetings productive for all members and maintain enthusiasm. It is important to focus on outcomes as well as processes. It is essential to show grace and respect for each other. Committees do the tough work of ironing out solutions to present to the Executive Committee for respectful consideration. We must work together to win back the State House and Senate in Oakland County.
- VIII. Treasurer's Report-** Phil Reid. Presented the Treasurer's report. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for filing pending audit: by Ryan Gesund. Motion Seconded. APPROVED.
- IX. Committee Reports-**
 - a. **Communications-** Barb Anness, Chair. The committee met to discuss communications strategy and how to interact with other OCDP committees and club leadership.
 - b. **Political Organizing-** Debbie Rosenman, Chair. The Candidate Recruitment Subcommittee is working with local clubs to identify open seats and to connect candidates with training. The Precinct Delegate Subcommittee is developing strategies for engagement, training and candidate support. The Voter Registration Subcommittee is working on a multipronged plan to connect volunteers with registration events.
 - c. **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion-** Mikal Goodman, Chair. The committee is actively recruiting more members. The focus is to make sure underrepresented voices are heard by party leadership and local elected offices. Goals include community outreach, candidate building and racial sensitivity training.
 - d. **Finance-** Theresa Brooks, Chair. The Budget Subcommittee met to focus on the 2021 budget and look forward to 2022. The Fundraising Subcommittee discussed ideas for online and in person events later in the year. Events that are being planned will be put on the calendar and shared with the Executive Committee.
 - e. **Resolutions-** Ravi Yalamanchi, Chair. The committee met to discuss the resolution adopted by the MDP pertaining to the January 6, 2020 Insurrection at the Capitol.
 - f. **Bylaws-** Kim Somsy, Chair. The committee met to consider two bylaw amendments and formulated recommendations to be presented later in the meeting. The Committee Chair showed a diagram to illustrate the process for amending bylaws.
- X. Credentials Report-** Director of Operations, Alex Barshaw. 77 Executive Committee members were present. The Chair declared a quorum is present.

- XI. OCDP 2021 Budget-** The Finance Chair presented the proposed 2021 budget, and it would also be the estimated budget for 2022. This budget is consistent with the 2020 approved budget; Motion: Approve the 2021 budget as presented. APPROVED.
- XII. Unfinished Business-**
- a. Motion: Strike the extra word ‘by’ in the proposed amendment to Bylaws, Article V, Section 3: by Lori Boyce. APPROVED.
 - b. Motion: Proposed main amendment to Bylaws, Article V, Section 3 (as just amended above), requiring delegates to the OCDP Convention convene within 20 days, instead of 30 days, following the November election to elect the balance of the Executive Committee, to conform with Michigan Election Law and MDP rules. APPROVED.
 - c. Motion: postpone consideration of the proposed amendment to Bylaws, Article IV, Section 2 – Committee Chairs as Officers to the next Executive Committee meeting: by Kim Somsy. Motion Seconded. APPROVED.
- XIII. New Business-**
- a. Motion: Nominate Nicole Bedi to fill the vacant Executive Committee seat for Birmingham/Bloomfield Hills: by Debbie Rosenman. Motion Seconded. APPROVED.
 - b. Motion: Nominate Steve Reifman to fill the vacant Executive Committee seat for Farmington/Farmington Hills: by Karen Bolson. Motion Seconded. APPROVED.
- XIV. Announcements and Good & Welfare**
- a. On behalf of the BB Dems, Debbie Rosenman announced a fundraiser for Rosemary Bayer on Friday, March 25.
 - b. Mona DeQuis announced that the MDP has a statewide phone bank to reach people who are going to be removed from the voter rolls.
 - c. Lauren Baker introduced herself. She is a public policy specialist for the Disability Network in Oakland and Macomb counties.
 - d. Brian Jaye announced that he is running for Congress in the 10th Congressional District. He is looking for advice and volunteers.
 - e. Baba Baxter is the current interim chair for the MDP Disability Caucus. He wants to build a more expansive base in Oakland County.
 - f. Murray Gorchow reminded everyone in CD 14 that the monthly meeting will be held Saturday, April 13 at 11:00 AM via zoom.
 - g. Derryl Reed is interested in drafting a strategic plan for the OCDP and will be reaching out to the OCDP Chair.
 - h. Carla Meier announced a \$25 bring your pet to a zoom fundraiser for Haley Stevens on March 15.
- XV. Public Comment-**
- XVI. Adjournment-** 9:03 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Julia Galliker, Recording Secretary