

**BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD DEMOCRATIC CLUB VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 21, 2020**

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:**

**Executive Committee Attendance:** Charles Gaba, Chair; Corinne Shoop, Vice-Chair; Gail Whitty, Treasurer; Miriam Imerman, Recording Secretary; Debbie Rosenman, Trustee

**Guests:** W. Barnett Jones; William Gage; Sean Thomas; Dr. Rema Vassar; Robert Wittenberg; Vincent Gregory; Kyra Bolden, Howard Baron

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. Charles Gaba, Chair, welcomed all on the call, and asked if anyone was attending for the first time. Charles called for approval of the agenda. Debbie Rosenman moved for approval - **approved**. He next asked for approval of the last meeting's minutes - **approved**. He noted that there were no committee reports, and no old business.

**Chair's Report:** Charles Gaba noted the upcoming primary on August 4. He reported that Vaughn Derderian, chair of the Oakland County Democratic Party, is seeking poll watchers for several precincts. There should be at least 2 Democratic poll watchers at each precinct. Anyone interested in becoming a poll watcher can alert Charles, who will contact Vaughn. It was announced that anyone wishing Biden lawn signs should contact Charles or Debbie, and provide their names and addresses. Charles reported that as of this date, he has raised over \$600,000 for Democratic candidates, including nearly \$20,000 to flip state House seats.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gail Whitty reported that the club currently has approximately \$4,100 in its account. Other than the cost of Zoom membership there have been no expenses.

Charles invited anyone in attendance to join the club, and provided the club web site: **[BBDems.org](http://BBDems.org)**. Dues are \$15.00 per year, and can be paid using PayPal.

Endorsement of Martin Brook for Bloomfield Township Clerk: Motion to endorse was made by Gail Whitty. The motion was seconded, and carried.

**Guest Speakers:** The following candidates were introduced:

- Barnett Jones, candidate for Oakland County Sheriff.
- William Gage, candidate for Oakland County Commissioner, 12<sup>th</sup> District
- Sean Thomas, candidate for Oakland County Commissioner, 13<sup>th</sup> District.
- Dr. Rema Vassar, candidate for MSU Trustee.
- Robert Wittenberg, candidate for Oakland County Treasurer.
- Vincent Gregory, candidate for Oakland County Sheriff
- Kyra Bolden, candidate for re-election to the Michigan House District 35.
- Howard Baron, Bloomfield Hills School Board member

**Precinct Delegate Liaison Report:** Debbie Rosenman reported that most of the 135 precinct delegates have made their initial contacts. Many have also signed up as volunteers with the Michigan One campaign. On the Friday before the August primary, you can go to the clerk's office and vote absentee.

**Bloomfield Hills School Bond Proposal:** Howard Baron presented on the \$200M bond that will be voted on in the Bloomfield Hills school district on August 4. The bond issue is intended to ameliorate the aging infrastructure of the district, the lack of community space, the need for upgraded technology, and improved safety. Further information can be found on the web site: **[www.bloomfield.org/bond](http://www.bloomfield.org/bond)**.

A motion to adjourn was made by Corinne Shoop, seconded, and **carried**. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30. **Next meeting: August 18, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom.**