

## **Minutes**

**November 23, 2021, Birmingham Bloomfield Democratic Club**

### **Call to order by the Chair 7:04pm/Roll Call of Officers**

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Debbie Rosenman. The Officers present include: Debbie Rosenman (Chair), Evan Brook (Vice Chair), Gail Whitty (Treasurer), Andrew Corey (Recording Secretary), Charles Gaba (Corresponding Secretary), Corinne Shoop (Trustee).

### **Approval of Agenda— (Passed)**

### **Approval of Minutes form October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting (Passed)**

### **Report of the Chair:**

Chair Debbie Rosenman gave the following report to the club members present:

Thanks for joining us tonight. This is the week of Thanksgiving and I want to urge everyone to take a few moments away from the craziness of the daily news to just be grateful for so much that we have. Focus on all the positive parts of your life and celebrate the joys. Our Executive Board wants to wish each one of you a very Happy Thanksgiving. We are so grateful to have you as part of our club.

If you are involved with the Bloomfield Hills Schools and even if you are not, and live in the communities of the school district, you may be aware of the challenges they are facing regarding incidents of racism and anti-LGTBQ. The students are speaking out and the school is trying to respond appropriately. If you are on Facebook, please consider joining the page called "Dear Bloomfield." This is a place for open and honest discussions with parents, community members, and district employees to safely share your stories and ideas regarding how to improve the culture and climate in our schools and community. Look for the link in the chat.

I want to let everyone know that our January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting will be IN -PERSON in the auditorium at the Bloomfield Township Offices on Telegraph Rd. It will be a celebration and a membership drive called "We need you in 2022!" It will be a more festive meeting and refreshments will be served. Please mark your calendars to join us!

Between now and then, we will also be collecting ONLY new children's books (age birth-12) in a Book Drive, together with the West Bloomfield/Lakes Dem Club to benefit children in Pontiac. They MUST be new books due to COVID. So, start shopping for books at places like bookstores, TJ Maxx, and Costco and let's get books into kids' hands!

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Gail Whitty gave a Treasurer's report. The club has 159 members.

### **Election of Executive Board Members 2022:**

Chair Debbie Rosenman recused herself from running the election. Kelly Dillaha stepped in.

Nominations were made for Chair: Debbie Rosenman, Corresponding Secretary: Charles Gaba, Treasurer: Gail Whitty, Trustee: Corrinne Shoop, and Trustee: Nicole Bedi to their existing positions. Emery Pence was nominated to fill the Vice Chair position. Nominations were then closed, and a motion was made to approve by acclamation. This motion was seconded thereafter. Paid members present were prompted to submit their ballot in the form of a yes or no in the chat to preserve the tally. Chair Kelly Dillaha announced the votes supported unanimous approval by acclamation and the winners were announced.

**Chair Debbie Rosenman introduced the following people to give words to the attendees:**

1. Emery Pence, Postcard and Letter-Writing Committee Chair: Postcard involvement for North Carolina available. Can commit to 50-100 postcards.
2. Kelly Dillaha, OCDP Committee Report – Phil Hart Dinner was successful last weekend. Those looking to become more involved in the County Party can visit [www.OCDP.org](http://www.OCDP.org).
3. Charlie Cavell (County Commissioner) – Local issues and redistricting

**Guest Speaker: Chair Debbie Rosenman introduced Guest Speaker Congresswoman Haley Stevens**

-Build Back Better

-Infrastructure Bill passed

-Scientific research funding for National Science Foundation, regional innovation strategy, January 6 Commission, universal pre-k schooling, protecting voting rights and election results, investigating deep fakes (misinformation), Bloomfield Hills school issues of racism/anti-LGBT and peer mediation, Equality Act and LGBT inclusion, specifically healthcare in Build Back Better.

Sign up for Congresswoman Stevens newsletter at: <https://stevens.house.gov/contact/newsletter>

**Good and Welfare:** Gina Keller – Join the “Dear Bloomfield” Facebook page for a safe school climate in Bloomfield area.

Charles Gaba – ACA Health Insurance Sign-up updates

Margaret Brooks – For the 2022 Elections, she encourages more public confidence in electoral process. Educate the precinct delegates on how safe it is.

Kelly Dillaha – Upcoming court case regarding reproductive rights and Fems for Dems travel to Washington, DC for a rally this coming weekend.

Debbie Rosenman – Decline to Sign. The petition called “Secure the Vote” prevents churches from being polling places and disallows any grant money used for elections, among other bad ideas. Clerks oppose.

Charlie Cavell – Contact by e-mail for more info on supporting campaign. [cavllcs@gmail.com](mailto:cavllcs@gmail.com)

**Meeting next month is on Tuesday, December 21 with Attorney General Dana Nessel on Zoom.**

**List of Attendees** – Kelly Dillaha, Charlie Cavell, Emery Pence, Gabe Efros, Lisa Efros, Gina Keller, Jeremy Levinson, Larry Lipton, Ryan Olds, Jennifer Matlow, Howard Baron, Margaret Brooks, Allen Wolf, Melinda Gray, Michael Levin.

Motion to adjourn. Adjourned, 8:09 PM.

Duly Submitted,

Andrew Corey  
Recording Secretary