

Minutes

May 18, 2021, Birmingham Bloomfield Democratic Club

Call to Order / Roll Call of Officers

Debbie Rosenman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

She introduced officers of the club and greeted new participants. Officers present: Debbie Rosenman (Chair), Evan Brook (Vice Chair); Gail Whitty (Treasurer); Charles Gaba (Corresponding Secretary); Corinne Shoop (Trustee); and Nicole Bedi (Trustee).

Report of the Chair:

Spring has most certainly arrived! It is time to finally be outside with our family and friends, and be able to do so unmasked, if we are fully vaccinated. Hopefully, more and more of us are getting vaccinated now that it is so easy to find locations nearby to do so. The more of us who are vaccinated, the more freedoms we will see again.

It is still very important that we remain vigilant in our fight against the terrible bills being floated in our MI Legislature. Our two reps, Kyra Bolden and Mari Manoogian, may tell us more about that in their talk in a few minutes. But I want to encourage everyone to take the time to speak out against the 39 voter suppression bills in the Senate. Put your contact in the chat if you want me to send you the weekly email that tells you of a **five-minute action** you can take every Tuesday until mid-June to speak out against the bills coming up at the committee hearing each week. Our actions ARE making a difference. There are other actions to be taking as well. Check out the ocdp.org website under the "Take Action" tab for ideas.

Thanks to Emery Pence who is leading our new Postcard and Letter Writing Committee. We have already sent out or are in the process of writing 3200 postcards to voters in Haley Stevens' district, around Michigan and in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Virginia. Many of our Fems for Dems writers from last year have signed up again to join in this effort and we appreciate their work.

We are excited to be planning our first LIVE Precinct Delegate event on June 21st at Beverly Park called "PD in the 3D." It will be an opportunity to socialize with other PDs and to meet many of our elected officials and Democratic leaders. We will also be handing out of new Precinct Delegate Pins, hot off the presses! We want a huge turnout of our precinct delegates and anyone else interested in learning more about becoming a precinct delegate or volunteer to attend.

Chair's Report for BBDems meeting on May 18, 2021

Treasurer's Report

Gail Whitty reported that there is \$X in the club's account. There are 142 paid members as of May 18, 2021.

Precinct Delegate Committee Report

Allen Wolf: We have Andy Levin / PD door hangers for PD's in the 9th District. In the last month, we've added four new precinct delegates. Our top priority is recruiting new precinct delegates. DPDOC will be hosting a precinct delegate training and orientation. June 21st will be our in-person PD event, more information for the event is on bbdems.org.

Membership

Evan Brook: Thank you to Juliet and Larry who sent text message invites for this meeting. We will be continuing to send these text message reminders for future meetings.

Oakland County Democratic Party (OCDP)

Kelly Dillaha: The OCDP voted to hold quarterly general membership meeting, we will share dates for these events once they are scheduled. At OCDP.org, you can sign up for committees, including the new DEI Committee.

Old Business: none

New Business

First Guest Speaker – Representatives Mari Manoogian & Kyra Bolden

Updates on voter suppression bills!

These bills make it HARDER to vote, we will support making voting easier.

Legislative Update (KB): Implicit Bias Training for Healthcare workers, Elder Abuse Legislation (Elder Abuse Task Force), Woman's Repro Healthcare.

Legislative Update (MM): Allocating Federal COVID-19 Support in the state budget (both Mari and Kyra voted no on all budgets because Rs are not allocating relief money in ways Ds support), Affordable Housing Legislative Packages, Distributed Solar Power Generation,

Second Guest Speaker – Citizens Climate Lobby: Analia Honkanen & Matt Leese

CCL is a nonpartisan organization that is designed to train grassroots organizers in communities across the country. The organization gives these organizers the knowledge and skills they need to volunteer and participate in educating their community about climate crisis solutions.

The specific approach that CCL is supporting is a bipartisan bill currently sitting before the US. Congress: The Energy Innovation Act. This is a fee and dividend strategy for carbon. The fee applies pressure on the supply side of emission producing economic actors and the dividend

pays that fee back to taxpayers (the government does not keep any of the fee). This approach both incentivizes economic actors and provides direct financial relief to taxpayers.

Good and Welfare

Next Meeting

We will meet again on Tuesday, June 15 (Third Tuesday) at 7 PM.

Adjourn

Debbie Rosenman made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

List of Those Present:

Juliet Hentschel, George Dilgard, Kelly Dillaha, Brady Johnson-Hill, Maria Marcotte, Allen Wolf, Emery Pence, Morgan Mattler, Mandy Garver, John Owens, Barbara Borden, Marti Szilagyi, Cheri Horrigan-Happy, Lisa Efros, Gabe Efros, Matthew Kent, Judith Goodman, Chris Chanko, Frederick Simms, *David Richter, *Jane O'Neil, *N. Peter Antone, *Eric and Annette Sargent, *Harriet Siden, *Rhonda Grant, *Blake Goodman

Potential first time attendees noted with *

Duly submitted
Evan Brook, Vice Chair