

## **Minutes**

**August 17, 2021, Birmingham Bloomfield Democratic Club**

### **Call to Order by the Chair 7:05pm/Roll Call of Officers**

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

### **Approval of Agenda – Discussion (Passed)**

### **Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes – Discussion (Passed)**

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

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

We knew it was coming when we met that rainy night in July in Beverly Park, but it doesn't feel great to be back to taking all these precautions again. That is why we decided to have this month's meeting back on Zoom. The Delta Variant is a real threat, and we must be masking up again. Here is to everyone being safe!

The state legislature has been on their in-district time, giving us all a little break from fighting against the voter suppression bills. We are all anxiously watching Congress to see what happens with the Infrastructure Bill, which could be a real game-changer, especially for us in Michigan.

Many of us are busy canvassing our own neighborhoods and Allen Wolf, our precinct delegate liaison will tell you about those activities.

But we can use ALL your help, precinct delegate or not, with the collection of signatures on the nominating petitions for Governor Whitmer. She needs to collect 30,000 by November. If you are willing to take even ONE signature sheet to collect ten signatures from family members and friends, contact us and we will arrange to get you one. If we all do a little, we can get this job done!

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Gail Whitty gave a report on the club's finances.

### **Committee Reports**

- **PD Committee** – Allen Wolf gave the good news that we are continuing efforts to sign up more PDs and have so far been successful in this effort over the Summer.
- **OCDP** – It was reported that the Oakland County Democratic Party is throwing a fundraiser picnic at Drake Sports Park on 8/21 and that the Governor, Secretary of State, and Attorney General will be in attendance as well as other elected officials.

### **No Old Business**

### **New Business -**

### **Introduction of Guest Speaker by Chair Debbie Rosenman**

**Erica Peresman**  
**Field Organizer**

Erica gave a presentation regarding voter suppression bills. No election information was handed over for independent audit per Secretary of State Benson. The last election is being used by Republicans to claim large-scale voter fraud in order to pass voter suppression bills. These bills are largely, if not wholly, illegitimate. Other efforts to this end, led by Republicans, included litigation and insurrection. A good article to read on the subject is *The Big Money Behind the Big Lie* by Jane Mayer. State Sen. Ruth Johnson has shown support for the Big Lie. State Leg. is considering bills which largely mirror already existing Federal laws...

Erica also answered questions from club members. A brief summary follows:

MPD, ACLU, League of Women Voters, and Voters not Politicians are working to counteract these measures as well as our wonderful Governor's veto power.

The Republicans' efforts are also aimed at making absentee voting harder.

**Good and Welfare**

- 1) Larry Lipton – 8/29 Rosemary Bayer event from 3-6pm “Grillin’ and Chillin’”
- 2) Charles Gaba – Issues of masks in schools is of great interest to community and Club
- 3) Howard Baron – Vaccines for staff
- 4) Event for Andy Levin August 30 at Whitty residence.

**List of Members Present** – Debbie Rosenman, Gail Whitty, Andrew Corey, Charles Gaba, Corrinne Shoop.

Motion to adjourn. Adjourned, 8:27PM.

Duly submitted,

Andrew Corey  
Recording Secretary