

## **Minutes for June 21, 2022, Birmingham Bloomfield Democratic Club at the Bloomfield Township Hall**

### **Call to order by the Chair 7:01 p.m./Roll Call of Officers**

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Debbie Rosenman. Officers present include: Debbie Rosenman (Chair), Emery Pence (Vice Chair), Gail Whitty (Treasurer), Andrew Corey (Recording Secretary), Charles Gaba (Corresponding Secretary), Corrinne Shoop (at-large).

**Approval of Agenda: Discussion (Passed)**

**Approval of Minutes: Discussion (Passed)**

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

Chair Debbie Rosenman gave the following report:

#### **Club Chair Report for June 21, 2022**

Welcome everyone to our June meeting! After having three successful candidate forums, we are happy to host speakers on the current petition drives, as well as judicial candidates with us tonight.

Hopefully many of you are involved with collecting signatures on our petition campaigns, as we only have two more weeks left to meet our goal. See me if you want petition sheets to use for collecting. I imagine many of you are also out there supporting your preferred candidates in their campaigns. Our Precinct Delegates have started going door-door to educate their neighbors on the upcoming Primary Election on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Democrats in our club area are activated and we are delighted to see your commitment to saving democracy! We have another important Candidate Forum next Tuesday, June 28, at the Bloomfield Township Library. This forum will be of particular interest to our Southfield Township folks as it introduces you to the candidates running in Congressional District #12. Once again, our high school youth are leading the charge and we couldn't be prouder. Check out our website at [bbdems.org](http://bbdems.org) for all previously recorded candidate forums. Also look at the Elections 2022 tab to learn about the candidates at all levels running to represent your precinct.

Our July meeting will be OUTSIDE at the Beverly Park on Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. We have Past MI House Chair Christine Greig, from the Pro-Choice group MI List, and Deb Olszewski from Moms Demand Action speaking about how their respective groups do endorsements while announcing the candidates they support running in our club area. We also have Oakland County Clerk, Lisa Brown, presenting on a way to protect your home from fraud, along with information about election security. Come out in July to enjoy a summer evening with us at the Beverly Park Pavilion. Future emails will remind you of these meetings.

**Treasurer's Report: Gail Whitty gave the Treasurer's Report.**

**Precinct Delegate Committee Report by Allen Wolf:**

We have a truly awesome Precinct Delegate network in place. On August 2, they will be formally elected. In addition, we have a number of volunteers who are filling in where we haven't been able to identify delegates from that Precinct. Precinct Delegates have their turf sheets telling them which voters they are responsible for. They also received material that they are printing at home and distributing to their neighbors. This past weekend was our official kickoff of the pre-Primary canvas. This work will be performed over a three-week period. Starting this Friday, Absentee Ballots will start being sent to voters. And we are making sure voters are ready to do their research and make informed decisions. Some Precinct Delegates are also asking for petition signatures at the same time as calling on voters in their turf.

The materials that we are handing out are being printed by the Precinct Delegates from their computers at home. We would love to have a professionally printed piece on cardstock for the election. That will take several thousand dollars. We don't have that money in our treasury. So, if you can, please donate a few hundred dollars towards this worthwhile objective.

**Postcard Warriors' Committee Report by Emery Pence:**

List is available for the Postcard Committee signup. Wisconsin, PA, GA, can choose Non-preference (NP) and will receive e-mail in a couple weeks regarding final details.

**Chair Debbie Rosenman introduced Shanay from Michigan Voices (Reproductive rRghts campaign):**

Protect abortion access, provide contraceptive care, reverse harms of racism. Ballot measure will be proposed if it gains enough support in the form of signatures from registered voters to be on the Ballot. 18+ and US citizens only may pass around forms collecting signatures.

**Chair Debbie Rosenman introduced Curtis Fernandez (Promote the Vote).** Collecting signatures to promote his initiative now.

**Chair Debbie Rosenman introduced Kyra Harris-Bolden**, Democratic House Member from Southfield and nominee to State Supreme Court.

**Chair Debbie Rosenman introduced Amanda Shelton**, Democratic Candidate for 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Oakland County who is unopposed.

**Chair Debbie Rosenman introduced Judge Sima Patel** who sits on the Michigan Court of Appeals which has 25 judges which sit on 3-Judge panels.

**Chair Debbie Rosenman introduced Howard Baron to speak on the subject of August 2 Ballot Initiatives.** The first of the two is a Millage which if it fails costs schools in Bloomfield Hills \$1.7 million.

The second Millage, according to Allen Wolf, is for Public Safety, increasing by .6 mils in Bloomfield Township.

**Next meeting is on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Bloomfield Township Town Library at 6:30pm and will be a 12<sup>th</sup> District Forum** featuring our Political Interns for those Members voting in the 12<sup>th</sup>

**Good and Welfare:**

David Sanchez, MDP Coalitions Director, says it is important to support voting referendums.

**List of Members Present: (40)**

Howard Baron	Lisa Peers
Kyra Harris-Bolden	Linda Pence
Margaret Brooks	David Sanchez
Charlie Cavell	Diane Shane
Mike Corbin	Cynthia Shaw
George Dilgard	Amanda Shelton
Gabe Efros	Pat Sheren
Ben Esquivel	Grace Simon
Nessa Feller	Gene Simms
Kurtis Fernandez	Sophia Sims
Samual Guerrero	Martha Szilagyi
Fred Green	Doug Tucker
Kai Paige Howard	Declan Tulley

Surru Kulkarni Claudia Luckenbach-Boman Erica Lopez Negrete Smith Ryan Olds Judge Sima Patel	Shanay Watson-Whittaker Juergen Wisenberger Linda Zlotoff
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Motion to adjourn. Adjourned, 8:35 p.m.

Duly Submitted,

Andrew Corey

Recording Secretary