

NORTHVILLE DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2020 General Membership Meeting

Meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

Lisa DiRado began the meeting by reading from *On Tyranny*; Number 10 -- Believe in Truth:

“To abandon facts is to abandon freedom. If nothing is true, then no one can criticize power, because there is no basis upon which to do so. If nothing is true, then all is spectacle. The biggest wallet pays for the most blinding lights.”

The Republican National Convention starts today. Lisa will be watching. We will hear a lot of things, many of which will not be true, and expect it to be a spectacle.

Special Guests in attendance:

- Abby O’Keefe, One Campaign for Michigan
- Tom Kelly, Biden Campaign
- Sarah Prescott, Incumbent running for re-election to Northville School Board
- Lisa McIntyre, Candidate running for Northville School Board
- Blake Mathie, Candidate running for Northville School Board
- Lindsey Wilson, Candidate running for Northville School Board
- Sherrie Winfield, Candidate running for Northville School Board
- Kim Campbell-Voytal, Candidate running for Northville School Board
- Harihar Kulkarni, Candidate running for Northville School Board

We will present recommendations for Northville School Board endorsements at our next General Membership Meeting.

Membership Report:

- We have 333 published members, plus 6 non-published members, for a total membership of 339.

Candidate Endorsements:

- Kelly Breen, Incumbent, 38th House District
- Kym Worthy, Incumbent, Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney
- Benny Napoleon, Incumbent, Wayne County Sheriff
- Eric Sabree, Incumbent, Wayne County Treasurer
- Bernard Youngblood, Incumbent, Wayne County Register of Deeds
 - Motion to endorse all candidates by Linwood Bunch; seconded by Dr. Shireen. Motion passed.

- Nick Hathaway, Candidate, Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court
 - Motion to endorse Nick Hathaway by Tanya Lundberg; seconded by Roland Hwang. Motion passed.
- Sarah Prescott, Incumbent, Northville School Board
 - Motion to endorse Sarah Prescott by Bunch; seconded by Hwang. Motion passed.

Recommended PAC Donations: Motion to approve recommended PAC donations by LE Bunch; seconded by Herb Helzer. Motion passed.

PAC expenditures:

- “Vote Integrity” Lawn Signs: Motion to spend PAC funds by Hwang; seconded by Linda Schwelnus. Motion passed.
- Slate Card Mailer to Dems: Motion to approve expenditures by Bunch; seconded by Carolyn Stuart. Motion passed.

Northville Dems Organizing:

For all attendees who registered at least an hour before this meeting, they received got an email and attachment which listed everything we are doing.

- Tiffany Davis is going to be doing WAVE Michigan training on 8/29 at 10 a.m.
- TextOut. By the end of this project, we will have texted to all of Northville (City and Township.)
- Statewide Indivisible Michigan (SWIM) 8 Million Voters Project: Mail applications to new voters with follow-up calls.
- Postcards for Matt Koleszar.
- Postcards for Fems for Dems.
- Phone Banking for Haley Stevens and MDP’s One Campaign for Michigan.
- GOTV Slate Card Distribution. We will be working on delivering slate cards/post cards. They may come from the MDP/One Campaign.
- Lawn Signs. We are almost out of Joe Biden Lawn Signs.
- Digital Warriors. On Facebook, we have 2 different pages:
 - Public Page. You *can* share from this page. Please spend 5-10 minutes several times a week and share posts.
 - Closed Group. You *cannot* share from this group.

Newsletter Discussion:

“Would you, could you, vote for someone who is *not* a Democrat?” The group discussion as mostly unanimous that, yes, as Democrats we would put issues over party for the right person/candidate.

MDP Convention:

Remember to sign the petitions for our endorsed candidates at the MDP Convention, where you can vote later in the week.

We have one of the most progressive platforms ever seen per the Democratic National Committee.

Meeting ended at 8:45 p.m.

September 14, 2020 Special Membership Meeting

Meeting started at 7:01 p.m.

Mailer going out soon. It will be a 6" x 11" card. One side looks like a ballot; the other side is the slate of our endorsed candidates.

We will be doing lit drops later in the cycle.

Special Guests in attendance:

- Roland Hwang, Member, Northville Public Schools Board
- Tanya Lundberg, Candidate, Northville Twp. Trustee
- Chandra Baker, Candidate, Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court

Candidate Endorsements:

- Ellen Lipton, State Board of Education
- Jason Strayhorn, State Board of Education
- Mark Bernstein, Regent, University of Michigan
- Shauna Ryder Diggs, Regent, University of Michigan
- Eva Garza Dewaelsche, Governor, Wayne State University
- Shirley Stancato, Governor, Wayne State University
 - Motion to endorse all candidates by Christian Alvarado; seconded by Carolyn Stuart.
 - Friendly amendment by Dr. Shireen. Send a letter to Eva and Shirley, asking them how they "campaigned" for their positions.
 - Original motion withdrawn by Christian.
 - Motion for to endorse Ellen, Jason, Mark and Shauna by Susan Nichols; seconded by Beverly Cass. Motion passed.
 - Motion to endorse Eva and Shirley, sending them a letter, as indicated above, by Christian; seconded by Dr. Shireen. Motion passed.
- Chandra Baker, Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court
 - Motion to endorse Chandra by Susan; seconded by Tanya. Motion passed.
- Brian Broderick, Board Trustee, Schoolcraft College
 - Motion to endorse Chandra by Susan; seconded by John O'Brien. Motion passed.
- Sarah Prescott, Member, Northville Public Schools Board (already endorsed on August 24th)
- Kim Campbell-Voytal, Candidate, Northville Public Schools Board
- Lisa McIntyre, Candidate, Northville Public Schools Board
- Sherrie Winfield, Candidate, Northville Public Schools Board
 - Motion to endorse Kim, Lisa and Sherrie by John O'Brien; seconded by Beverly Cass. Motion passed.

Proposal Endorsements:

- Proposal 20-1: Michigan Use of State and Local Park Funds Amendment.
 - Motion to vote YES on proposal by Luci Klinkhamer; seconded by Anna Sarkisian. Motion passed.

- Proposal 20-2: Michigan Search Warrant for Electronic Data Amendment.
 - Motion to vote YES on proposal by Jason Blankenship; seconded by Mary Ellen King. Motion passed.
- Wayne County Regional Enhancement Millage Renewal.
 - Motion to vote YES on proposal by Beverly Cass; seconded by Susan Nichols. Motion passed.

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