

Oak Park/Huntington Woods/Royal Oak Twnshp  
Democratic Club  
May 17<sup>th</sup> 2021  
Zoom Meeting

Called to order at [7 p.m.](#) By Max Milstein, vice chair

Treasurer's Report from Andrew Cissel

- Soft money account \$288.14
- Hard money account \$980.36
- Checking account \$2525.10
- Reminder to pay dues

David Hecker spoke about the labor movement.

Past: We were stronger; acts were passed for progress.

Then: Decline of manufacturing. Union busting. Republican officers doing the bidding of many employers.

If you weaken organized labor, you weaken the Democratic Party.

Now: We are not organizing as we should. We have more public sector union members than private sector union members.

Megan Courtney, archivist at the Walter P. Reuther Library spoke. The archives, located at Wayne State, holds the archives of the labor movement, Wayne State faculty and Students and urban affairs of Detroit. The archives contain pieces of evidence from the past.

Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist spoke:

- Thank everyone for your commitment
- Eager to be back in person
- Vaccinations make more and more things less and less risky
- Please make the choice to get vaccinated
- Power is built one conversation at a time
- We need to lay a strong foundation for this year
- Better connected communities are strong communities
- Equitable access to opportunity
- Transportation and Internet access

Precinct committee - Laurie Lisi

In April, worked hard on School Board bond issue that passed.

Delivered lit and phone banked.

Precinct Delegate lit drop and recruitment.  
Regular calls to action.  
Focusing on voter suppression issue.

Glenda Steinbeck - precinct delegate committee co-chair  
What is a precinct delegate and what do they do?  
Putting action items on the website.  
Looking for volunteers for Forgotten Harvest weekly.  
Hoping to get T-shirts to show we are working hard for the community.

Royal Oak Twp. Trustee Vasquez

- Passed two resolutions
  1. Service line replacement program.
  2. Final project plan for sanitary disposal system.
  3. Investing in speed bumps.
  4. Working on what to do with Parks and Rec center.
  5. In the process of hiring a Township Manager.

Oak Park Mayor Marian McClellan

- Met our first chickens, Pickles, Emily, and Chipmunk.
- City is in financially good shape.
- 20% of our money is in a rainy day fund.
- We are hiring 3 public safety officers a year for 3 years.
- No road diet on Coolidge, too much traffic.
- We will spruce it up, which will pay dividends.
- Bar district on [11 mile Road](#).
- Bars, restaurants, and coffee house. Thinking of calling it the Water Tower District.
- 9 mile road bike area. Air for tires, new sidewalks. There is a beautiful new fence and we have ordered play equipment. Wavy section to ride bikes. Landscaping is in place. Primos is back. Changing the face of 9 mile road.
- 100% of the lead lines have been changed out. Water is safe in Oak Park.
- What do we value? Community recreation.

County Commissioner Charlie Cavell

- Covid relief dollars
  1. Pragmatic ideas for infrastructure - Mental health resources and Childcare

2. Progressive

Inclusive housing trust fund

Employer resource network

Fair housing initiative/End source of income discrimination

State Rep Regina Weiss

Future event

-One little victory

-Vaccine passports votes are not there.

Nina Abrams

Redistricting

We need to Support Sec of State Jocelyn Benson

Mona Dequis

1.Redistricting

2.Voter suppression bills

Meeting ends at 8:48 p.m.