



Meeting Minutes: Thurs., March 21, 2024, 6 PM, Huntington Wds. Library

I. Welcome: Glenda Stainback welcomed all present at 6:00 PM, including all newcomers from our various communities in the Club.

II. Approval of Agenda: unanimous approval.

III. Approval of February Meeting Minutes: unanimous approval.

IV. Guest Speaker - Christine Greig, MI List: Rep. Natalie Price, who had to leave early, introduced Chris, a previous State House Rep. Chris has a mission to improve education in MI. In honor of Women's History Month, she provided a brief history of the somewhat meteoric rise of Democratic women serving in MI government, representing Oakland County. The rise was, in part, motivated by the election of 2016. Voters, not Politicians, Fems for Dems, etc., have also benefitted from this rise in engaged Democratic women. This trend needs to continue. The "trifecta" of Governor Whitmer, AG Nessel, and Secretary of State Benson term out in 2026. What's next for Chris is MI List, a MI version of Emily's List, which has been around for about 20 years. Chris mentioned other organizations that are dedicated to helping communities statewide and elsewhere: One Voice MI, Democracy Resiliency Network, Michiganders for Civic Resilience, and others. Women are involved in all of these.

V. Treasurer's Report (Nina Abrams)

Report on DSOC Treasury for January 31 and February 29, 2024

As of December 31, 2023

Total funds in all accounts	\$4,439.35
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As of January 31, 2024

Total Checking Account Balances	\$4,376.25
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Total Savings Account Balances	200.00
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Donations for the month	\$ 396.76
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Expenses for the month	256.82
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As of February 29, 2024

Total Checking Account Balances	\$4,644.35
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Total Savings Account Balances	200.04
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Donations for the month	\$ 320.00
Expenses for the month	251.90

The above accounts are grouped together because deductions and Act Blue monies have been going into the State PAC account, not the Admin account. By March, hopefully, all changes needed for keeping the accounts accurate will have been completed.

As of March 19, 2024

Total Funds in Checking Accounts	\$4,213.14
Amount allocated to State PAC Account	<u>2,087.83</u>
Net Funds available for administrative costs	2125.31

VI. Chair Updates: Glenda indicated that there was nothing to report at this time from the MDP Chair Call.

VII. Election of Trustee for Royal Oak Township: Deferred to the April meeting.

VIII. Committee Updates:

***Glenda:** The new **By-Laws**, revised to include Berkley, were approved at the December 2023 meeting, and the MDP recently gave their approval.

***Glenda: Community Service:** There will be an American Red Cross **blood drive** on April 8 at the OP Community Center, 1-7 PM. Donor slots are still open; we need donors.

***Laurie Lisi: Voter Mobilization:** The next meeting is April 8 at 6:30. This committee will begin the process of setting up a schedule to get out the vote, to talk to neighbors within precincts, and knocking doors in preparation for the August primary and eventually the November election.

***Laurie Lisi: Communications:** The next meeting is April 3 at 6:30 PM. There is a new banner coming by April that can be used at all Club events.

IX. Elected Officials' Reports

***Rep. Regina Weiss:** The desired Motown Map for redistricting has been submitted and hopefully will be approved. She is involved currently with writing the education budget, especially for the pre-K-12 system.

***Rep. Jason Hoskins:** Currently, the split in the State House is 54-54. The special election in Warren and Westland will hopefully improve that ratio with two new Dems. He has been working on the Access to Fertility Health Care Act that will provide a legal framework for surrogacy in MI. The Governor will sign it soon.

***OC Commissioner Yolanda Charles:** She would like input re: how smooth things are going in OC. She is constantly working on ways to improve serving the community. One example for young people is summer jobs in parks.

***OC Commissioner Charlie Cavell:** He is working on better ways to build community and lower costs in OC—electricity, medical bills, student loan debt, etc.

***Judge Andy Kolakowski:** As a judge in Royal Oak/Berkley appointed in 2023 by the Governor, he is running again this year and needs our support. His mantra is helping people, not just punishing them for offenses.

X. Good and Welfare:

***Kimberly Thomas** is running again for the MI Supreme Court for an open seat. She wants to continue to help low income persons in the state. She is a first-generation college grad, has been a public defender, and a professor at the U of M Law School.

XI. Take Action: *Do More in '24 - Finding our Peeps*: Laurie Lisi indicated that more volunteers are needed to help with campaigns, the primary, and the November election.

XII. Glenda adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Roslyn Schindler, Secretary