

# March 19, 2019 Meeting Democrats of Greater Novi

6:37 Marian calls meeting to order

1. Minutes from last meeting approved
2. Marian reports that per Ryan Covert from the MDP, the bylaws must be amended to exclude Northville PCT 2 from the Area of Activity prior to approval. After a lively discussion, the issue was tabled until we can get more information from the MDP.
3. Karen McKenzie proposes an amendment to the bylaws (section 5) to reflect that "On or before the last Club meeting prior to the Election meeting, members in good standing... may nominate a candidate... In the case of a position having no nominee at the time of the election, nominations may be made from the floor for that position during the Election Meeting.
  - A. After some discussion, a vote was taken: Aye: 24 and Nay 7 with a member total of 39. Amendment did not get 2/3 support. Marion calls for a recount: Aye 25, Nay 7, no vote 7. Amendment fails again. A second recount by name: 25 ayes, 8 nays, and 4 abstain and amendment passes.
4. Karen reviews every position on the executive board. She reminds everyone that the **election will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup> at this location. Bios are due March 26<sup>th</sup> and will be mailed to the members by April 1<sup>st</sup> for review.** Nominations must be accepted by the nominee within 24 hours of the nomination.
5. Diane Smith is running for an at-large position on the board and will be out of town on the election day and was able to give a compelling 2-minute speech
6. Carolyn gave an update on PCT 12:
  - A. Voting issues: bad polling location around lake, inability to park, long lines (almost 3000 citizens), bad ballot machines.
  - B. City clerk Courtney Hansen promised to look into this and fix the problems prior to the 2020 elections.
  - C. Carolyn encourages everyone to go to the next city council meeting to pressure the local government to find a better polling location, possible an apartment clubhouse or a building in Lakeshore park.
7. Megan presents ideas for turning Novi "blue". She reports that in 2019-2020, we need Democrats to run for school board in Novi and Northville, city council and we need to protect Haley Stevens in congress. She asks us all to pledge to raise money, phone bank, and canvass.
8. Ann reviews our social media and communication. We have 93 people on the email list, 229 on the Facebook page, 95 people on our Facebook group, and we now have a website, Twitter, and Instagram.
  - A. Ann motions to create a temporary communication committee to establish Facebook guidelines. Motion passes with a simple majority.
  - B. All interested parties met with Ann after the meeting
9. 2-minutes announcements:
  - A. Colleen- this Saturday at 10:30am, there will be a precinct delegate meeting (you don't have to be a PCT delegate to join). Oakland County Dems will send more details. Also, she is running for Novi City Council
  - B. Kelly- There is a human trafficking course April 11 at city hall at 6:30pm. She is coordinating this with Gwen.

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- C. Karen- At the spring MDP convention, Karen, Herb, and Colleen elected to the State Central Committee. They have meetings the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday on the month and that on May 18, the MDP will have its annual Legacy dinner at the RenCen. Also, the presidential primary is March 10, 2020 and the Michigan One campaign will be operational.
- D. Louise Weller- Livonia Dem club is coordinating with Northville to confront the Northville Trustees regarding the Arbor Hills Dump located near Northville. It is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest landfill with over 21 violations. The Northville trustees are having their meeting this Thursday at 7pm and she encouraged everyone to attend.
- E. Ron- reports that Voters Not Politicians are having meetings March 26<sup>th</sup> 7pm in Livonia at the DAV and March 31<sup>st</sup> 7pm at the Farmington Library to discuss redrawing district lines. He also has a petition for eliminating the electoral college and have a national popular vote instead.
- F. John Magee- announces a fundraiser to Andy Meisner for Oakland County Executive Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 at 814 Wolverine Dr, Wolverine Lake, MI 48390.
- G. Bin Q- announces he is running for Novi City Council on a platform of updating Novi roads to make them ready for autonomous vehicles.
- H. Tina- Friday is World Water day. There will be an event at the Charles Wright Museum. Next Tuesday there is Mom's Demand Action meeting. Thursday at the Sidecar Sliderbar in Farmington Hills, there is Pints and Politics event. Also contact Tina for details of the Gwen Markham event at Novi Coffee

Meeting Adjourns at 8:15pm