

Democrats of Greater Novi

Membership meeting minutes: Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 6:30pm, Novi United Methodist Church.

Meeting called to order at 6:42

Minutes from the April meeting approved.

Chair's Report (Megan McAllister):

- Website **novidems.org** is up & running; you may use the site to pay annual dues and make donations to the club.
- Introduction of Novi **Candidates for City Council**: Alex Disner, Colleen Crossey, Carolyn Upton.
- Introduction of new **Executive Board** members.

Treasurer's Report (Marian Mahoney): 2 bank accounts established - Administrative Account and State PAC Account. Currently 27 dues-paying members. Admin account used for club operational expenses, PAC account used to support candidates & issues. PAC account must be reported quarterly to the state Board of Elections.

Secretary's Report (Ann Kowalczyk): minutes for membership meeting & board meeting will be on the website. Members able to vote 30 days after paying dues.

Elected Officials Report:

Gwen Markham (Oakland County Commissioner): Live Healthy Oakland County program - discount program for dental, prescriptions, health care, available to all residents. New breakfast program for 4500 schoolchildren, at schools where >40% students are on reduced lunch program. Invasive species law - boats must be cleaned coming out of the lake. New resolution to pay for Plan B emergency birth control through the Oakland County Health Department. Information about a Commissioner appointment or special election should someone die in office.

Andrew Mutch (Novi City Councilmember): applications for Planning & Parks & Rec commissions deadline is May 24, available online. City released an App to see local events, find information, report issues. Look for "City of Novi" in your app store. City is leasing property from school district & improving it with athletic fields. Novi & 12 Mile intersection will be completely redone. 10 Mile road will have sections repaved soon - not widening. City Budget recently approved (July 1 fiscal year begins). New building and improvements at Lakeshore Park. Park & beach will be closed this summer, will reopen next year.

New club Action Plan (Aaron Martinez) gave an overview of the plan, including the purpose, a summary of each committee's purview, and specific goals for each committee.

~~ **Committee Breakout Sessions** ~~ (each committee met at a different table)

About 15 minutes were spent discussing committee ideas & plans.

Old Business

Precinct 12 (Carolyn Upton): progress on new voting location going very slowly, Suggestion that we have people attend the City Council meeting where the decision will be made. **Kelly Breen** (Novi City Councilmember) reports that the precinct count in Novi may go from 22

precincts to 26 precincts. Brightmoor Church possible location, along with the apartment complex.

New Business

Precinct Delegate Training: upcoming events May 29, June 6, June 10, July 24, August 17. Registration required.

Two Minute Announcements

- Dana Fortier: May 30 Tia Marie Campaign Launch, June 5 Alex Dinser Campaign Launch 45540 Violet Ln, Novi.
- John Magee: Fundraiser for Andy Meisner Sunday, June 2, 4:30pm, 814 Wolverine Dr
- Brian Smith: urging members to apply for Novi Boards & Commissions
- Alex Dinser: self-introduction, running for City Council - 2-year position, youth advocate, green spaces, mental health advocate, supporter Gay/Straight Alliance clubs at HS/college level
- Colleen Crossey: June 7 Wear Orange for gun safety, possible HS mentoring program for students
- Brittany Pinnock: Sat July 13 4-7, \$25 per ticket, Wildlife Woods in Novi, 11th district party
- Kelly Breen: running for 38th district Representative; Launch party June 6th 7-10pm The 5th of Novi, asking for campaign donations

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm