

SLAD Minutes

July 16, 2019

- **Networking reception**
 - **Call to Order / Welcome:** Rose Peruski – called to order 7:10 pm
 - **Minutes** - Minutes approved by a voice vote
 - **Chairperson Report – Rose**
 - July 31 Debate Watch Party – pizza will be provided by SLAD. Anyone can apply for debate tickets by registering for the lottery on DNC website.
 - August meeting / Sound Board will be at the Third Monk – Casey Copp explained Michigan United again and why we are doing the listening session and invited everyone to come on August 6.
 - August Canvassing (Rose will find out the weekend) – we will meet up at the Third Monk and will canvass to try to get people to register and understand how to vote using an absentee ballot.
 - Pumpkinfest parade – September 28. Rose stated that we will need support from area Dems. The group talked about signing up and making sure we come out in force.
 - Rose stated that July 23rd is the filing deadline for SL City position. She explained that the Mayor and three city council seats are open.
 - September – we are planning a postcard party at the September meeting to recruit new members.
 - Signup sheets – Rose asked the group to sign up for the snack coordinator
 - **Treasurer Report– Danielle Anderson** – Danielle wasn't able to attend; Rose said we'd put the information on FB and the website
 - **Speaker**
 - Andy Meisner, Current Oakland County Treasurer / Oakland County Executive Candidate – Andy spoke about getting activated to not let 2016 happen again – we need to organize – the Presidential election is most important. Talked about the seats we can flip and putting forth some strong candidates to forward our agenda.
 - Andy wants progressive leadership at the county level – we are finally getting a new executive in Oakland.
 - Discussed transit and “selling” this as mobility. We need a way to get people in and out of Detroit and between Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties.
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- Discussed health care and his thoughts for his platform for Oakland County health and wellness centers.
 - Discussed homeless children in Oakland County and what we need to do about that.
 - Andy took questions from the group
 - Andy gave his background – grew up in Oakland, graduated from Berkley High, went to MSU and UM, worked on Capitol Hill, was a State Senator, ten years ago became County Treasurer
 - **11th District Updates**
 - Kent Douglas, Chairperson of 11th District Democrats, gave a quick overview.
 - Talked about format – wanting to meet in different places around the District.
 - Picnic went well – raised \$6500 to support Haley Stevens and other grassroots efforts
 - Grassroots org efforts – Discussed days of action – talked about canvassing together
 - Connecting with labor leadership – get their issues in front of groups like ours
 - 11th district meeting – 4th Wednesday of every month. August 28 the meeting will be at 31000 Northwestern Hwy., Farmington hills @ 7:00 pm.
 - Working in September with precinct delegates
 - Considering a Halloween party fundraiser – looking for a venue.
 - **Speaker**
 - State Senator Jeremy Moss – gave a Senate Update
 - He is the assistant Democratic Leader
 - Spent time on the Southfield City Council
 - Discussed the need for progressive City Council members
 - Michigan is last in ethics – we can't vet government documents – freedom of information act doesn't cover them
 - **The meeting was adjourned at 8:50**
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