



SLAD Meeting 7/18/23

Slad meeting called to order 6:00pm

Curtis Hertel – running for Elissa Slotkin’s empty spot in Congress

- Came into State Senate from the district of East Lansing....
- Came into Super Minority
- Smallest Caucus in Michigan History

Jocelyn Benson

- 2020 – highest turnout election. This is a government that represents the will of the people.
- State House – this will be the story. The eyes of the nation will be on Michigan. We are expanding to protect every voice and every vote. We cannot rest.
- We should never underestimate how far people are willing to go, to undo democracy. They are very fearful when they are not in the majority.
- Observe efforts like this – Huron Valley. File a complaint with SOS Office. File a complaint with Attorney General. We need to be the eyes and ears and help identify nefarious efforts to confuse the process and help them prepare to counter them.
- Legislation today - 9 days of early voting for every citizen in this state. Drop boxes -one for every 15,000 citizens. One time request for absentee – will always get there.
- We have to be prepared to educate voters, and how to vote early. Voters have options in our state. They have options for when to register to vote. Make sure that early in person voting is an option – at least 9 days before the election. Some communities will vary.
- Misinformation about the election. Michigan.gov/mifactcheck – you can submit on and can fact check this. Robocalls. Any effort to confuse voters.
- Strategy around anti-demo agenda – instill fear about voting. We need to provide confidence and clarity. We have a responsibility to be the truth tellers. Push back on misinformation. Misinformation@michigan.gov as well.
- Remember – you have to return ballots in YOUR OWN dropbox.
- Ban firearms near polling places – help protect people.
- We don’t pre-register is 16 and 17 year old – we are trying to pre-register at the time of getting their drivers license, so it’s easier to start voting.
- SOS Mobile Branch Offices – get to every Senior Center in the state once/month. Currently 5 in field, trying to get to 7.

Lisa D.

- South Lyon City Council coming up in November
- 3 Hardcore Republicans are running
- Lisa – we need to make sure we are represented

- Help with sending out postcards



- Signs in the yards

Endorsement by Shawn

- Motion to endorse Lisa – Kelley made, Allison seconded
- Motion to endorse Thad – Linda made, Tori seconded
- Motion to donate \$500 per candidate

Treasurers Report

Allison – South Lyon Pride

- Went well, just a little rain, great weather
- Couple hundred people
- Allison read thank you note
- Great job to Allison – amazing event
- Quick shout out to SLPD – they did a great job and took pictures with the drag performers
- SLAD Tent did well.... Lots of new faces.

Lisa

- Starting SLAR
- Huron Valley – putting money around people that they want to elect – republicans
- Lisa will remove the budget from the website
- Kelley – Moms for Liberty – Wayne County – we need to host events like this ... bringing people in for positive reasons.

Book Club

Jason Morgan & Kelly Breen – brief update

- Reforming guardianship, school safety, protection for kids with neurological disorders.
- Bills around environmental protection, pollute or pay, energy alternatives.
- Novi schools – wellness centers, physical health, after hours tutors, staff wellness, food pantry, Novi youth services... this is hopefully the model all schools will be following.