

## SLAD Minutes

May 17, 2022; 7:00 pm

In-person at SL High School Lecture Hall

- **Call to Order / Welcome** – Casey Copp called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.
  - **New member introductions**
    - Kelly Patchell – lived in SL for three years – felt driven to get more involved.
    - Mike Squires – never had been to a meeting before
    - Jim Williams – running for District 13 County Commissioner
    - Mike Weiss – running for State Senate against Jim Runestad
    - Tracey Smith – officially joined and this is her first meeting since, Roe v Wade really pushed her to get involved.
    - Cindy Groene – this is her first meeting since covid
    - Annie Vuillemot & Hannah Sweda– going to join and be members
  - **Candidate Introductions**
    - **Kelly Breen** – spoke about what motivated her to run. Talked about Republicans trying to defund public education and banning books.
    - **Mike Weiss** – Candidate for MI Senate (Running against Jim Runestad). 23<sup>rd</sup> district. From Commerce Twp. Raised in Farmington hills. He has a degree in business, and is a real estate broker and appraiser. He stands for public education, health care, unions, workforce safety, racial equity, criminal justice, women’s reproductive rights, affordable housing.
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We have a tough road ahead of us. He is new to all of this – wondering how we can help

- **Jim Williams** – Candidate for OC Commissioner against Phil Weipert. Has run for office and lost before for commissioner. He was convinced to run again because we can't just hand these seats off to Republicans. Felt like he needs to do something and work harder. Discussed his view that he is "Pro Alive" stance.
  - **Youth Activist Scholarship Winner** – Lisa Purvis
    - We had 5 applicants – had SLAD members do the judging.
    - The criteria – someone who is serving our community and has progressive values – what are they doing.
    - Will announce the winner on Social Media
  - **Treasurer Report** – Val Whalen
    - Val gave the report – explained the PAC fund and how we support candidates.
    - Asked for ideas for a possible fundraiser for SLAD General Fund
    - General fund – scholarship money will take 2K so we need to come up with fundraisers for the general fund.
  - **Sponsorship Support**
    - How can we support organizations in our community
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- Blessings in a Backpack Golf Outing (Val Whalen) – Jen Barshaw moved to support with a \$150 donation / Allison seconded. Unanimously passed.
- SL Pride Booth at SL Pride Event – 7/9 (Allison Ranusch)
  - Amber King moved that we provide a \$250 – business level sponsorship –Val Whalen seconded.
  - Passed unanimously
  - Will need volunteers to sit at booth (12 pm – 4 pm)
- **Event Re-Caps**
  - **Adopt-a-highway & next date** (Lisa Purvis) – completed spring road clean-up. Cleaned up enough that we ran out of bag. October 1 is the next date.
  - **Book club** – and next book / date (Val / Jen Barshaw). Talked about Democrat 101 book – our party and where we came from. Next book is “Waking up White”. August 25 at Jen Barshaw’s.
- **Precinct delegates** – Lori Evans and Theresa Fougne passed out the name badges for being precinct delegates. Looking for a liaison for our club. Write in delegate forms are available until July 25.

Member Announcements:

- Amber donated several stamped postcards to send out.
  - **Adjourn – adjourned at 8:06 pm**
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