

SLAD Minutes

November 17, 2020; 6:50 pm

- Prior to the call to order, several first-time attendees and new members introduced themselves.
 - Meeting was called to Order by Chairperson, Rose Peruski at 6:56 pm. Ms. Peruski thanked everyone for attending and requested a motion for approval of minutes. Lisa Dilg moved to approve the minutes, but then amended her motion as it was pointed out that the title was “SLAD Agenda”. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
 - **Georgia Senate Run-Off Assistance** – Lisa Dilg indicated that there was a lot of information on the FB page and in general on how to best help in the Georgia Senate race. She reported that we consolidated the information and posted our recommendations on the SLAD website at www.sladems.org.
 - **Honored Guest Speaker** - Senator Gary Peters spoke to the group about the election, thanks SLAD for all of its efforts on his election as well as all the candidates up and down the ballot. He thanked us for helping get Kelly Breen elected. The Senator gave an update on the state of the elections and the Senate. After he was finished speaking, Rose Peruski thanked Val for getting Gary to speak at our meeting.
 - **Election Overview** – Casey Copp gave an overview of the election and shared a presentation to show how and where Democrats voted. Casey segued into the Candidate Recruitment committee which he referred to as the “war room.” He explained that we want to identify all open positions, elected and non, in the municipalities we cover and to recruit and train candidate to run for or apply to those positions. He asked people to join this committee and Lisa Dilg put the sign up link in the chat.
 - **Lisa Brown, Oakland County Clerk**, addressed the group and thanked Casey for his presentation. She discussed the recent election and indicated that the Oakland count was certified. When asked about the Wayne County Board issue, she indicated that they were being purposely difficult and assured the group that the vote would be certified either by them or the Michigan Board. She also thanked SLAD for our support.
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- **Committees** – Lisa Dilg stated that we have a lot of members and momentum and now is the time to start organizing for the future and stated that we need more members to step up and help.
 - **Community Outreach**, Val Whalen, Chair indicated that she would like members to sign up to help determine priorities for community service efforts for group. Lisa Dilg put the link to the committee sign up in the chat.
 - i. Val mentioned two urgent / current needs that she would like to start with:
 1. Active Faith – urgent need for food and supplies. She mentioned that this was brought to our attention by Sandy Stewart. JJ Pattison requested information on Active Faith’s LGBT stance and several members answered in the chat. During the discussion, David Ascher asked if the group would consider donating money. He then made a motion to donate \$500 to Active Faith and Linda Gruber seconded it. The motion passed unanimously. Val indicated that she would still be accepting food and supply donations on her porch for two weeks. Lisa Dilg also asked Val to look at the member driven discussion on our FB page regarding Thanksgiving meals to determine if this was something SLAD would want to sponsor.
 2. Smoke alarms – Val indicated that the SLFD was collecting smoke detectors (Lisa Dilg mentioned they requested the 10-year battery ones) and that she hoped members would drop donations off at her house. She stated she would post her address in the FB page.
 - **Issues Based Organizing** – Danielle Anderson, Chair stated that she would like members to sign up for this committee in order to determine priorities for issues-based efforts to present to full group. Linda Gruber also stated that there are a lot of issues that she would like to see the group tackle. Rose thanked her for her input and suggested she join the committee to help them determine priorities. Danielle indicated there are a lot of things we could be doing during the election “downtime” such as canvassing and phone banking in regard to issues such as clean water and police violence. Danielle stated that if trained to do these things during this time, we will have people trained and ready to activate during the next election cycle.
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- **Treasurer Report** – Val Whalen gave an update on our finances and explained the difference between our PAC account and our general account once again. She explained that dues would go into the PAC account to support candidates and issues, while the general account would have to be funded by fundraisers. Members asked how dues work and how they renew membership and Val explained that all membership and dues renewals would be occurring in March. Lisa Dilg explained that due to the virus we got behind in developing the process for renewals, but we would have it spelled out for next year. She also mentioned that dues are not mandatory and can be waived.
 - **Vaughn Derderian, OCDP Chairperson** – Vaughn first congratulated SLAD on its execution of the billboard and how excited everyone was that it was able to not only be done, but so quickly. He then discussed opportunities to represent SLAD at the Oakland County Democratic Party. SLAD has two positions on the OCDP Executive Committee to fill who would be representing SLAD's interests in voting on budgets, OCDP Officers and opens the door to their committees. Vaughn explained that this is a good opportunity to be at the forefront of developing the relationship between SLAD and the OCDP.
 - **New SLAD shirt design contest** – Lisa Dilg
 - Lisa mentioned that we were going to hold a shirt design contest open for one month to get a new design for SLAD t-shirts. She said more would be coming on this.
 - **December meeting / Holidays "Party"** – Sarah Lambi was not present for the meeting so Rose indicated that we would get back to the group about how this would be handled.
 - **Member announcements** –
 - Kelly Breen thanks SLAD for all of our work on her campaign and for our work on all campaigns. She reminded us that although we have a lot to celebrate, it's officially the start of the next election cycle and we should be getting ready for that.
 - Renee Weiss-Stansell – thanked us for our work helping the Haley Stevens campaign and stated she would be interested in helping with the candidate committee we discussed.
 - Jon Cherney moved to adjourn the meeting, Lisa Dilg seconded. Meeting was adjourned by Rose Peruski at 8:27 pm.
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