

Manistee County Democratic
Executive Board

Ramsdell Inn
Manistee, MI

January 7, 2019
12:00 Noon

MINUTES

Chair Gary Madden called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m. Members in attendance were Chair Gary Madden, Membership Chair, Shirley Madden, Past Chair, David Berns, Vice Chair Laurie Mason, Communications Chair, Lee Trucks, Secretary, Peggy Raddatz, and Treasurer, Judy Cunningham.

The Minutes of the October 30th Executive Board Meeting had disappeared into cyberspace and were not available for this meeting.

Old Business:

1. Treasurer's Report- Judy Cunningham, Treasurer reported the State Account was at \$1607.40, the Federal Account was at \$1544.78, and the Blue Tigers Account was at \$1308.90. Our year end balances for 2017 were State Account - \$4688.60, Federal Account - \$5360.06 and Blue Tigers \$200.04.
2. Shirley Madden reported our membership was at 0 as of January 1. She proposed new levels of membership that might bring in more revenue. After discussion the new membership form was approved.

New Business

1. Gary Madden presented the yearly dates for the Board and Membership meetings. Suggestions from the County Convention were discussed and felt that events could be held out county, while membership meetings could still be held at Dial A Ride. The suggestion that we meet on Saturday did not have any support. It was moved by Lee Trucks and seconded by Laurie Mason TO ACCEPT THE 2019 ANNUAL EVENTS CALENDAR AS PRESENTED.
2. Gary Madden discussed the schedule for the Mobile Office would start in April.
3. Gary Madden opened a discussion of goals for the party in the coming year. We need outreach to young people, veterans, the tribe, and unions. We need more publicity. The opportunity to run an opinion piece next to the Repubs was considered a good thing. We could have expert individuals or a committee of writers responds. Gary Madden and Peggy Raddatz would meet with Michelle Graves of the MNA the next day to discuss details. Members of the Board were tasked with coming up with opinion topics to submit to the MNA.
4. Gary and Shirley Madden would be our representatives at the Michigan Democratic Convention on February 2 where a new State Party Chair will be elected.
5. It was the consensus of the group that we continue to have a monthly speaker but constrain their presentation to fifteen minutes and 10 minutes Q&A. Then have one of our Opinion Topics discussed by the membership. The first would be No Fault Insurance. Alex Zacannelli would be asked to be our resource person on this subject.

6. Peggy Raddatz announced the next 101st District Committee would meet at Noon at Rico's in Manistee on Wednesday, February 20th.

The next Executive Board Meeting will be held February 5 at noon at the Ramsdell Inn.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Raddatz,
Secretary