

General Membership Meeting
Manistee County Democratic Party

Dial A Ride Building
Manistee, MI

7:00 p.m.
March 21, 2019

MINUTES

Chair Gary Madden called the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 p.m. Gary introduced our speaker for the evening, Tom Chycinski, Signature Chairman for a Grass Roots Community effort to petition the Veterans Administration to create a Veterans Clinic site located in the city of Manistee. He spoke at length to the advantages of the more than 2500 local veterans who currently must travel either Cadillac or Traverse City for services. The way members of the Democratic Party could help was to circulate petitions and gather signatures of support. In addition, contact our Federal Representatives to get behind this effort.

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1. It was moved by Laurie Mason and seconded by Shirley Madden to ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.
2. Judy Cunningham, Treasurer, reported the Federal Account had a balance of \$4312.28, the State Account had a balance of \$1544.78 and the Blue Tigers Account had a balance of \$1548.90 . The report was placed on file.
3. Shirley Madden, Membership Chair reported the membership last month was 42. This month was 76 members with 8 new members being recruited at the Chamber of Commerce Business Expo.
4. Peggy Raddatz reported on the County Committee Training by Mark Brewer former MDP Chair that took place in Arcadia with 30 people attending from the four counties that make up the 101st Representative District. We discussed the changes in the State Party Rules, the Effect of Ballot Proposal 3 passed last fall, and the Role and Responsibilities of the County Committee.
5. Joel Raddatz, former Superintendent of Manistee Area Public Schools, was welcomed as the resource person for the next topic for the News Advocate Challenge of Republicans vs. Democrats. The Topic is: *Everyone agrees the children are our future, and their education is most important. But many disagree on how best to go about providing that education. Each school district elects its own board, the State of Michigan elects a board, and the U.S. Department of Education oversees all of that. Are all thee entities necessary? How much control should each have over students' curriculum and assessment?*
6. There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned by Chair Gary Madden at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Raddatz, Secretary