

Manistee County Democratic
Executive Board

Ramsdell Inn
Manistee, MI

April 2, 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, Secretary, Peggy Raddatz, Sarah Rigney, Political Organizer, Michigan Democratic Party and Treasurer, Judy Cunningham.

It was moved by Shirley Madden and seconded by Judy Cunningham THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

Old Business:

1. Treasurer's Report- Judy Cunningham, Treasurer reported the State Account was at \$1476.53, the Federal Account was at \$4591.57, and the Blue Tigers Account was at \$1548.90. Judy talked about coming up with a two-year plan with the first being fundraising and the second being an election year.
2. Shirley Madden reported our membership was at 81 members as of April 1.

New Business

1. Shirley Madden stated the Blue Tiger Committee would be meeting in the next two weeks. The budget for Manistee Lil Big Shots was reviewed. It was determined we should encourage our sources to promote the availability of our GED Grants. Also, discussion went to expansion to the Community College Emergency Grant. This was tabled until a later time.
2. Peggy Raddatz and Judy Cunningham had met previously and had come up with a plan for our partners in 101st District. Tickets for the Don Jennings Dinner would go on sale as soon as we were confirmed that the Governor would be our Speaker at \$60 each until July 20. They would then go on sale to the outside world, including our partners after July 20 at \$65 each and sell until the end of August. They would have a \$15 incentive if they sold 30 or more tickets; \$10 a ticket if less. A total of 200 tickets will be sold. Options for Plan B and Plan C were discussed.
3. Gary Madden announced Mike and Kaye Luppert were to serve on the Manistee DEMS Pictionary Team for the LWV event. The entrance fee had been submitted.
4. Peggy Raddatz announced that Jeanne Jennings had passed. The family has suggested donations to the Alzheimer's Association. It was the consensus of the group that a donation of \$100 be sent in honor of the life of Jeanne Jennings to the Alzheimer's Association.
5. Gary Madden suggested changing the MAY meeting date for the convenience of the speaker. There were not objections, hence the meeting date for the MAY MEETING will be May 23. We will be calling members to inform them of the change in meeting date.
6. Discussion followed about the speaker for the April Meeting. Posters would be distributed about town and Onekama, and Peggy would write personal invitations to our elected City Council Members and County Commissioners.

7. Sarah Rigney introduced herself as the Political Organizer for the Michigan Democratic Party. She was here to help us, learn what was going on in our party, and assist in what we do. She lives in Gaylord, and covers most of northern, lower Michigan. She encouraged all of us to enroll in the Train the Trainer Training and forwarded the link.

The next Executive Board Meeting will be held May 7 at noon at the Ramsdell Inn.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Raddatz,
Secretary