

101st District Committee

MINUTES

February 10, 2021
1:00 PM

ZOOM Meeting
Host Manistee, Michigan

1. Call to Order

Chairman, Jim Dulzo called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

2. Introductions

Members in attendance introduced themselves, Keira Duvernoy, Vice Chair, Benzie County, Jaime Brants, Project 83 Coordinator, MDP, Ed Miller, Past Chair, Mason County, Lee Trucks, Manistee County, John Helge, Chair, Manistee County, Jim Dulzo, Committee Chair, and Chair, Benzie County, Beth McGill-Rizer, Vice Chair, Mason County, Dennis Bushey, Vice Chair, Leelanau County, and Peggy Raddatz, Manistee County and Committee Secretary.

3. Kyle Jurek, MISolidarity and the 101st District Committee

Guest, Kyle Jurek, though notified, was a no-show.

4. Jaime Brants, Michigan Democratic Party, Project 83, Northern Michigan Political Organizer

Jaime Brants, gave us an update on the MDP convention. Look for an email on Thursday for all things good about the convention such as how to sign petitions, register for caucus attendance, how the votes will be tabulated etc. etc. etc.

5. Beth McGill-Rizer, Jim Dulzo – Update on 101st Marketing Project

Beth McGill-Rizer reported she had forwarded two contacts to Chris Heintz, the Videographer. This just took place, so nothing further to report.

Jim Dulzo had contacted a brewery, a resort, and a farmer. One the admin. team declined, the other two had not said yes yet.

It was noted these are just potential subjects, nothing promised.

Beth McGill-Rizer suggested she would do something like the MDP does that would be helpful for all the Party Leadership. She would create a WHO, WHAT, WHY, WHEN presentation board. Jim Dulzo would polish it up.

Other potential subjects to interview, would be Alan O'Shea who Jim Dulzo would contact, and Bernie Ware, who Peggy Raddatz would contact.

If the Committee gets the first video done, the MDP Rural Caucus may assist in distribution of the videos.

Discussion followed about the Sunday Night information Beth McGill-Rizer sends to each Party Chair on the theme of the month, this month being Unity. She was strongly encouraged to continue the practice.

6. County Reports

a. Mason County

Mason County is talking about who will be making presentations to the Party as well announcements for their Senior Essay.

b. Manistee County

Manistee County is being more visible by every month assisting a food pantry and the Feed America Foundation in distributing food. 15 volunteers are wearing Blue Tigers hats and shirts to identify themselves as Democrats. MCDP was asked to participate in the Manistee News Advocate column with the Manistee Republican Party titled Difference of Opinion. The first topic, fair elections, didn't garner a response from the

Republicans. The MCDP has very interesting programs planned with Meresa Salisbury, Covid-19 Contact Tracer, and Dana Nessel, Attorney General on the lineup. John Helge also spoke about a survey on the MCDP website where they are gauging what is important to people in Manistee. [Survey Link](#)

c. Benzie County

Benzie County was also offered the Difference of Opinion column. However, it will not go forward, assuming the Republicans do not want to participate. The Benzie Dems have set up a Blue Success Menu. They have Watchers for Township Boards and the County Commissioners. They also have Watchers for how O'Malley, VanderWall, and Bergstrom vote on legislation which is relayed to the LTE writers. They are encouraging people to apply for County boards and commissions. They have established a Get Back Jack campaign to contact donors of Bergstrom's Campaign.

d. Leelanau County

Leelanau County is proud of all the money they raised with their pop-up offices around their county. They are also proud of the four counties of the 101st working together so well, being able to spend pooled monies on such a worthy project.

7. Discussion for the Good of the Cause

Discussion followed on the best way to bring to the public's attention that some County Commissioners do not wear masks at public meetings.

8. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday – March 10th @ 1:00 PM

Next Messaging Project Meeting: Wednesday – February 24th @ 1:00 PM

9. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Raddatz, Secretary