

## December 2020 GLC Dems Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2020

The meeting was called to order at Linda and Kurt Wilkens' home for the on-site attendees and through Zoom for the remaining members. Previous meeting notes were approved and can be found on the following website: [www.greenlakecountymunicipalparty.org](http://www.greenlakecountymunicipalparty.org). The treasurer's report remains at \$1174.79.

The election of officers was then read. For the 2021 slate of officers the following were named: Chairwoman--Linda Wilkens, 1st Vice-Chair--Jocelyn Hopper, 2nd Vice Chair--Jon Roti Roti, Secretary--Penny Howell and Treasurer--Marion Sobieski. Motion to accept the slate of officers was accepted as is and it was then seconded and approved.

It was decided that our organization would donate \$500 to the Ripon Food Pantry. Voted on and approved. This will occur December 15 at 9:30 A.M. There will be an article in the paper with pictures acknowledging the donation. Attendees were also invited to donate on their own, if so desired.

The speaker for today's meeting was Mary Allen, the current Green Lake Superintendent of Schools. The topic of her talk was the race for the Superintendent of Schools which will occur in 2021. The primary will be February 16, (absentee ballots will be mailed out in January,) and the Spring Election on April 6 will determine the race between the remaining two contenders. Mary Allen initially thanked the audience for helping to get the Green Lake schools referendum passed and discussed a meeting she attended with the candidates that are running for this position. There will be many challenges for the candidates for this election, including Covid 19, educational equity, teacher shortages, school financing, unfunded mandates from the state government, etc. The six candidates that are competing for this seat are the following: Sheila Briggs, Jill Underly, Troy Gunderson, Deb Kerr, Steve Krull and Joe Fenrick. This is a non-partisan race.

Three of the candidates addressed our meeting, Joe Fenrick in person and Sheila Briggs and Jill Underly on Zoom. They all gave the group their background and what their goals are for competing in this seat. All are requesting that nomination papers be signed for their candidacy and submitted before the end of the month. As a reminder, you may only sign one candidate's papers. They all have websites and facebook pages set up for the election.

There is work being done on a 4-county meeting with all the school superintendent candidates and there is also a group meeting about political signs.

At today's meeting there were 19 attendees through Zoom and 8 in person. The next meeting will be January 2, 2021 and the meeting site will be determined.

Submitted by Penny Howell, December 5, 2020.