**Senior Men’s Club of Birmingham**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting – February 21, 2020**

**WELCOME:** President Stribbell welcomed the members and then proceeded to lead the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike Albright accompanied by Dick Halsted on the piano led the singing of “You’re a Grand Old Flag.” The Invocation was delivered by Gene Markel.

President Stribbell again announced that a member’s coat had been taken in error and asked that it be returned. He also commented on the buffet lunch that will be served after next Fridays meeting. The members were also reminded that the March 27 meeting will be at Temple Beth El, corner of Telegraph and 14 mile roads.

**CLUB BUSINESS:**

**Minutes:**  Minutes of the February 14, 2020 meeting are posted on both the bulletin board and the Club’s website.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS;**

**Visitation and Health:**  Tom Obear reported that **DAVE EHLEN** is improving and expects to return in the spring. **DICK BRADLEY** is also improving and hoping to be back in **March.**

**Genealogy:** Dave Bakos said the March 2 meeting will be led by John Maten and the topic will be DNA.

**Special Events:** Jerry Stribbell announced that the Tuesday, February 25 **Tour Detroit** event is sold out. Our next event will be Wednesday, April 15 to see **Mary Poppins at the Bonstelle Theater.** Lunch will be at The Traffic Jam.  Tickets are $60.  Contact Tim McGee for details and tickets.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Today’s speaker is Dave Dulio, Professor of Political Science & Director of The Center for Civic Engagement, Oakland University. His topic will be – 2020 The State of the Race.

Speaker for February 28: Ashley Stone, Assoc. Athletic Dir. and Senior Dir. Of Women’s Athletics, Oakland University. Topic “College Athletics: The Student – Athletic Experience.

April Reminder Deadline: March 13

The SMC 2020 Handbook is available in the Wilson Room if you haven’t gotten one yet.

Executive Board Meeting: March 10

 Lunch (special day) February 28: Shrimp Alfredo V-Pasta Primavera – Seasonal Vegetables

**Attendance:** Ray Buratto will assume the Chair for this activity. Thanks to Randy Barnett for his service in this position.

The President shared his “THOUGHTS OF THE DAY.”

**RECESS UNTIL;**  The speakers schedule required a deviation from the norm so there was no formal recess.

**PROGRAM;** February Program Chair, Larry Imerman introduced today’s speaker Professsor Dave Dulio who remarked that he was pleased to have the opportunity to speak at the Club again. He began his presentation by saying that at this point in time national polls do not mean anything because that is not how nominees are picked. Who is ahead depends on whether you’re counting most votes received or delegates won. Delegates are what matter. The Democrat Party requires 1991 delegate votes to win the nomination. State Delegates are awarded on a proportional basis. Candidates win delegates according to the percentage of votes cast providing they meet a 15% threshold. Further remarks discussed various polling organizations and their accuracy. Graphs, charts and maps showing very interesting possibilities were shown and discussed. Professor Dulio ran through a series of maps reflecting possible Electoral College results which would tilt the November election with a strong possibility that it might come down to the Michigan vote. Following the presentation the forum was opened for Members questions. Because of scheduling restraints the speaker left early. Before his departure President Stirbbell presented Professor Dulio with a SMC 60th anniversary tile coaster.

**MOI:**  President Stribbell used the remainder of the meeting to relate the story of a bomb plot by an UP sheep farmer to extort money from the Federal Government because he had been denied a loan.

**ATTENDANCE:** Total 131 Registered 120

Robert I. Hayes

Acting Recording Secretary