

**Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law Unit
General Membership Meeting
February 15, 2024**

President Todd Ellis led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

President Ellis called the general membership meeting of the Kalamazoo Parliamentary Law Unit to order at 10:15 am on Thursday, February 15, 2024. It was held electronically by Zoom.

Secretary Nancy Fody called the roll. Members present were Patricia Dolan, Todd Ellis, Nancy Fody, Barbara Hemphill, Laurie Marshall, and Julie Pioch. A quorum was present.

The agenda was approved with one addition. The minutes of the annual meeting held November 16, 2023 were approved as corrected.

Officer Reports

President: President Ellis met with OnePlace on January 10, 2024 about providing Parliamentary programming. A beginner's course on Parliamentary Procedure and/or a how to become a NAP member were suggested. ONEplace offers one-stop services to nonprofits, including leadership development programs and other training. The nonprofit is based at the Kalamazoo Public Library. Member Laurie Marshall proposed to move this issue to the Education Committee. There was no objection. President Ellis will contact Barb Davis, Education Co-Chair.

President Ellis proposed that KPLU purchase its own Zoom account to facilitate meetings and for use in education projects/seminars. Member Dolan reported that the annual cost of a zoom account was \$160 or \$16.95 per month.

President Ellis reminded the members that KPLU is the host unit for the 2025 MSAP Annual Meeting. We will need to begin planning ASAP. Report is attached.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Julie Pioch presented the treasurer's report. Receipts were \$110 in dues. There were no disbursements. The ending balance is \$4,390.65. The Treasurer will provide Auditor Allison Hammond with the statements and supporting documents for the 2023 financial review. Report is attached.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Fody attended Rules of Parliamentary Law in Grandville on February 3rd. The speaker was KPLU member & treasurer Julie Pioch, PRP.

Standing Committee Reports

Bylaws: Nothing to report

Education: No Report

Library: The library is still at the Davis home.
Membership: Ten members have paid their dues for 2024. Dues are considered in arrears in February and delinquent in March. Member Marshall suggested that MSAP Members at Large be invited to our meetings. They can attend by zoom if they are not in the area.
Nominating: Nothing to report.
Yearbook: Chair Laurie Marshall needs committee chair assignments for inclusion in the 2024 Yearbook. Members should send their \$10 dues to Treasurer Pioch ASAP to be included in the 2024 Yearbook.

Unfinished Business:

New Business: Member Laurie Marshall reminded the membership that strong communication is needed to keep KPLU viable. She recommended that the minutes be distributed immediately after the meetings and that meeting notices be sent with enough time for members to adjust their calendars and make their reports.

Education Lesson: President Ellis's education lesson was on ethics for parliamentarians. He presented three scenarios and the ethical solution to each one.

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 am.
Nancy Fody
Secretary

Reminder: NAP and MSAP dues can be paid on the NAP website and are due 12/31/2023. KPLU dues of \$10 should be sent to Julie Pioch, 219 E Paw Paw St, Paw Paw MI 49079

Websites:
National Association of Parliamentarians - parliamentarians.org
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Announcements 2024:

MSAP Better Meeting/Happier Members seminar, Tuesday February 20th by Zoom
District Four Quarterly Meeting, Monday, February 26, 2024, at 7:00 pm ET by Zoom
April is Parliamentary Law Month
April 19-20, 2024, MSAP Annual meeting

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April 20, 2024, NAP Virtual Spring Training Conference

May 16, 2024, KPLU meeting, The Peoples' Church, 1758 N 10th St., Kalamazoo, MI 49009 and by Zoom

September 19, 2024, KPLU meeting, The Peoples' Church, 1758 N 10th St., Kalamazoo, MI 49009 and by Zoom

November 21, 2024, KPLU annual meeting, The Peoples' Church, 1758 N 10th St., Kalamazoo, MI 49009 and by Zoom

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