

**November 10, 2025 CARROLL COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

The Carroll County Democrat Central and Executive Committee met on this date at the Carroll County District Library at 6:00 pm. Committee Chair Tom Postlethwait, called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE: (12 + 4 +1)** Terri Ossler, Tim Bille, Linda Farmer, Ron Mayle, Ray Morgenstern, Paula Puch, Bruce Carlton, Valerie Gardner, Janice Marciniak, Dave Devey, Jan Kennedy, and Tom Postlethwait were present. **At Large Members:** Dan Schermerhorn, Joe Matics, Betsy and Tom Williams. **Guest:** Maureen Stoneman addressed the group with her qualifications as she is circulating her ballot petition for Probate Juvenile Judge in Carroll County as an independent. She explained why she is running as an independent. At this point, she doesn't think she will be primaried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Chair Tom reported that Bill DeMora from ODP sent a petition for Allison Russo who is petitioning for Secretary of State.
2. Tom presented his letter to Frances Strickland, head of the speakers' bureau, to find us a speaker for the April 9th banquet.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Jan Kennedy motioned to accept the electronic minutes as presented to the members by secretary, Paula Puch. Motion was seconded by Dave Devey. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer, Linda Farmer, presented an October balance of \$11,965.84. There were no transactions this month. November balance is \$11,965.84. Balance in the Special Fund is \$97.03. Motion to approve was made by Valerie Gardner, seconded by Terri Ossler Motion passed.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Campaign: No report.
2. Communication: Fantastic articles have been printed in the Free Press Standard.
3. Events: Met 3 times. Thursday, April 9th, 2026 at Atwood Yacht Club has been chosen. 5:30 social 6:30 dinner. Frances Strickland is working on the speaker
4. Think Tank/Vacancy: No Report
5. Legislative: Dave Devey reported on the heavily discussed topic of property taxes. Law makers in Ohio voted on the redistricting of the voting maps. The Dems had to concede in their own best interest as they would've lost 2 seats but gave the Republicans 2 more votes.
6. Budget: Committee met prior to the meeting and worked on a preliminary 2026 budget.
7. Fair Booth: No report
8. Chicken BBQ: No report

9. Outreach: Janice Marciniak reported on the Carroll County Resistance Group meetings. She's looking for volunteers to cross reference Independent voters that signed specific petitions. Meeting again Nov. 17th at 6pm Melanie Woods home. Jan Kennedy reported at rally on Veteran's Day in Cambridge. He was planning on attending.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Christmas parade was discussed with the ruling of no throwing of the candy. So now we need candy walkers. Dan Schermerhorn and Jan Kennedy will figure it out. Parade is Saturday, November 29 with parade stepping off at 6 pm.
2. Tim Bille reported on the Halloween Trick or Treat in Malvern. Rainy night but still had 65 people.
3. Cougar Care Kits update: Treasurer Linda Farmer stated the Carroll Hills could not accept any monies from political entities. No pictures needed.
4. The Central Committee conducted a food drive for tonight's meeting for the Hands Across Sherrodsville. It was discussed to add a monetary donation. Janice Marciniak made the motion to donate \$250 with a second by Terri Ossler. Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. It was discussed to also support the Carrollton Library with their food drive that is supporting the Carrollton Food Pantry. The group decided to support and bring non perishable foods for the next meeting.
2. Valerie Gardner gave the Board of Elections report. She thanked the poll workers. Carroll County has had a 4% reduction of 18,363 registered voters down to 17,454. The state of Ohio has had a 9% reduction of voters due to purging and deaths. The BOE surveyed poll workers in effort to get more folks willing to work the polls. The results weren't tallied yet. Election to be certified on Nov. 13th.
3. The December 8th meeting will be a Christmas Party! Bring finger foods and a guest.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Tim Bille encouraged us to watch the Ken Burns creation, The American Revolution on PBS. Members commented on the election; Democrat victories and the ending of the government shut down.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 1st Janice Marciniak 2nd Valerie Gardner

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, December 8th, 2025 at 6 pm at the Carroll County District Library.**

**Minutes respectively taken and submitted by Paula Puch, CCDP Secretary.**