

December 8, 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 + 6 +5) Terri Ossler, Tim Bille, Linda Farmer, Ron Mayle, Ray Morgenstern, Paula Puch, Bruce Carlton, Valerie Gardner, Dave Devey, Jan Kennedy, and Tom Postlethwait were present. **At Large Members:** Jim Gardner, Melanie Wood, Dan Schermerhorn, Joe Matics, Betsy and Tom Williams. **Guests:** Jeff Farmer, Mike Hammer, Sharon Morgenstern, Janet Postlethwait and Tom Puch.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Chair Tom candidate petitions for Allison Russo, Marilyn Zayas and Jennifer Brunner.
2. Tom presented to elected committee members the Declaration of Candidacy (No Petition) form that must be presented and time stamped at the Board of Elections by February 4, 2026. This form needs to be filed to certify the precinct representatives on the ballot for the May 5, 2026 primary.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Valerie Gardner 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 a November balance of \$11,965.84. There were no deposits this month. November debits were: \$2,868.04. The December balance is \$9,117.80. Balance in the Special Fund is \$97.03. Motion to approve was made by Dave Devey, seconded by Terri Ossler. Motion passed.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Campaign: No report.
2. Communication: Discussed Frances Strickland's Speaker's Bureau progress with Spring Banquet. We will reach out to her one more time.
3. Think Tank/Vacancy: No Report
4. 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.
5. Budget: Committee met prior to the meeting and worked on a preliminary 2026 budget.
6. Fair Booth: No report
7. Chicken BBQ: No report
8. Outreach: Bruce Carlton suggested a possible project would be to sponsor an Arbor Day Event with the schools with a free seedling. Dave Devey reminded us

that schools can not accept donations from political groups ie; our experience with Carroll Hills backpack food program.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Thank you to Dan and Jan for the Christmas parade participation. It was beautiful!
2. Members donated this evening to the Carrollton Library's Food Drive.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Secretary compiled a list 2025 List of Achievements to be presented to all that attended. It was suggested that the list be published for many to see just what the party has been doing in 2025.
2. Dave Devey suggested that we think of an organization to donate to. Paula Puch suggested that we donate to the Carroll County Library as we use it for meetings. Tom Williams motioned that we donate \$250 to the library. Jim Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Chair Tom stated that is was time to Party at the Annual Democrat December Christmas meeting. Merry Christmas!

ADJOURNMENT: 1st Dave Devey 2nd Tim Bille

NEXT MEETING: PLANNING MEETING, MONDAY, January 12th, 2026 at 6 pm at the Carroll County District Library.

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