

SEPTEMBER 8TH 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: (13+3) QUORUM: Tim Bille, Mary Ann Bryan, Bruce Carlton, Dave Devey, Linda Farmer, Valerie Gardner, Jan Kennedy, Janice Marciniak, Ron Mayle, Ray Morgenstern, Linda Peoples, Tom Postlethwait and Paula Puch were present. **At large members:** Joe Matics, Dan Schermerhorn, Melanie Wood **Guests: (2)** Betty Barr, Jonathan Papai

CORRESPONDENCE: Chair Tom reported no correspondence.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jan Kennedy motioned to accept the minutes as they were presented electronically to the members by Secretary, Paula Puch. Motioned seconded by Ray Morgenstern. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Linda Farmer, presented an August balance of \$8,901.09. Deposits were: \$0.00 (she has not deposited the BBQ receipts as she is awaiting more payments for tickets sold.) Expenses were: \$1, 498.25. Balance for September was \$7,402.84. Balance in the Special Fund was \$97.03 Motion to approve was made by Jan Kennedy and seconded by Dave Devey. Motion carried. The treasurer presented a preliminary Chicken BBQ report with a net profit being \$2,322 and donations being \$575.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Tim Bille reported on the Dancing in the Park (Malvern) event. It went well and we are invited back. Tim reported that the Republican Party was not represented.
- Chair Tom reported on the Chicken BBQ and thanked all those who helped on the many days of preparation. He commented on the profit being tentative because there are those who need to still turn ticket money. Paula Puch commented that the chicken cookers are seasoned veterans and have it down. Tom Puch sent his thanks.
- Communication Subcommittee Chair, Valerie Gardner, reported on the website problem and that our domain had expired and still held Vince Osborn as the contact. Valerie has rectified the problem. Both Brenda Serri and Valerie are administrators of the webpage will be updating sections of the website. Ray Morgenstern, Melanie Wood, and Valerie Gardner will be administrators of the Face Book page and will take care of the postings.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- The Events Subcommittee met prior to the meeting.
- Chair Tom asked the group if we wanted to participate in the Carrollton Christmas Parade on Saturday, November 29th. There was much discussion with no one willing to take charge. With more discussion, a motion was made by Jan Kennedy and seconded by Dan Schermerhorn to participate in the parade. Motion passed. Jan and Dan are heading up the event.
- Tim Bille volunteered to hand out candy at Halloween at his house along with literature for adults. He expressed that last year was very positive. He will get the banner from Ray Morgenstern after the Lake Mohawk Fall Fest.
- Chair Tom wanted the committee's thoughts on a Spring Dinner and/or Chicken BBQ. He called for a vote to continue with 2 Chicken BBQs first. Dave Devey motioned to continue with 2 BBQs seconded by Janice Marciniak. Much discussion was presented from the floor about many ideas. Valerie Gardner who was present for the Events subcommittee meeting volunteered to head the Spring Dinner event and asked the group to let the subcommittee work on it and prepare a report. Meet Tuesday, September 16th at 6 pm at Paula Puch's home.
- Ice Cream Social or another family event was discussed and could be planned for Summer 2026.
- Ray Morgenstern reminded the group of the Lake Mohawk Fall Festival Sunday, September 21st 11-6pm. Ray remarked that the festival is open to all and it is a great family day. Dan Schermerhorn has made 50 wearable buttons to be available at our table.
- Committee Christmas Party was presented and the committee lost steam and no decision was reached.
- Campaign subcommittee: Chair Tom asked committee for ways to support candidates. Dave Devey suggested that we ask the candidates themselves how they would like us to help.
- Resistance subcommittee reported that there will be a meeting at Janice Marciniak's residence Thursday, September 11th at 6:30 to continue with the goals of the subcommittee.
- Legislative subcommittee Dave Devey reported that the Republicans are bent on redistricting Ohio and that unions have endorsed Republican Vivek Ramaswamy for Governor of Ohio basically out of fear of retaliation from Trump.

ADJOURNMENT: 1st Ron Mayle 2nd Val Gardner

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**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, OCTOBER 13th, 2025 6 PM at the Carroll County District
Library/2nd St. NO subcommittee is meeting.**

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