

**October 13, 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 + 0)** Tim Bille, Linda Farmer, Ron Mayle, Ray Morgenstern, Paula Puch, Mary Ann Bryan, Bruce Carlton, Linda Peoples, Valerie Gardner, Janice Marciniak, Dave Devey, Jan Kennedy, and Tom Postlethwait were present. **At Large Members:** None. **Guests:** Jonathan Papai

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Chair Tom reported that Sherrod Brown is visiting Ohio soybean farmers and is talking about tariffs. Dave Devey reported that Ohio Farm Bureau is complaining and the he feels the farmers got what you voted for in supporting President Trump.
2. Attorney Maureen Stoneman who is running for Common Pleas Court Judge as an independent would like to speak to the group. Tom was seeking our approval for her to visit.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer, Linda Farmer, presented a September balance of \$7,402.84. Deposits were: \$5,245.00 Expenses totaled: \$682.00. October balance is \$11,965.84. Balance in the Special Fund is \$97.03. Motion to approve was made by Dave Devey; seconded by Jan Kennedy. Motion passed. The Treasurer presented the final August Chicken BBQ report with 308 tickets sold. Expenses: \$1,728 Total sales profit \$2,892. Donations: \$625 for a total profit of \$3,517.00

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Campaign: They will help find speakers for Spring Dinner 2026
2. Communication: Brenda Serri is finalizing the ad contract with 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. Still working on the speaker
4. Think Tank/Vacancy: No Report
5. Legislative: Dave Devey commented on the fact that there are so many issues. Statewide: Gerrymandering maps, and property evaluation assessments. Ray Morgenstern spoke about the Ohio Board of Education and the Ohio Dept. of Taxation and that there is no correlation between the school carry over monies and property taxes. He stated that we should check out the Ohio Circuit Breaker proposal which would cap property taxes at a certain percentage of a household's income providing relief to homeowners and renters whose tax bills are high relative to their earnings.
6. Budget: No Report
7. Fair Booth: No Report

8. Chicken BBQ: Chair Tom asked if the Spring Dinner was too close to the Chicken BBQ in May. The group felt that it would not interfere.
9. Outreach: Janice Marciniak reported on the Carroll County Resistance Group meetings. No Kings Rally: October 18 11:30-1:00. The group will have T Shirts, a sign in table with literature. The group has designed Welcome Bags to be used at meetings/events. Group wants to target 11,000 non partisan voters in Carroll County. They would like to participate in a cause. Letting everyone know that Democrats are seen helping.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Ray Morgenstern gave a report on the Lake Mohawk Fall Festival. Ray did not display the Party at the Festival as it was concurrent with the Charlie Kirk shooting. Ray felt that the climate at the festival and our participation was not conducive to each other.
2. Dan Schermerhorn and Jan Kennedy are conducting the Christmas Parade in Carrollton Saturday November 29. The Carroll County Chamber and Visitors' Bureau is the host of the parade.
3. Tim Bille volunteered to promote the party at Malvern's Halloween with candy for kids and literature for adults.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Paula Puch developed a Welcome letter with information and demographic information to be obtained. This will be in with the Welcome Packet c/oCarroll Co. Resistance.
2. Dave Devey donated and passed out carrying bags with our logo to each member. These will be used at special events as give a ways.
3. Dave Devey presented a cause that he thought the group might want to participate in with a donation. Carroll Hills School needs monetary donation for weekend food care kits. Jan Kennedy made a motion to donate \$500 to the Cougar Care Kits. Dave Devey seconded the motion. Discussion. Dave felt it was important for Democrats to be seen in the community. He suggested that we present the checks with a representative at the school and cares kits for a picture for the press. Motion passed.
4. Chair Tom wanted to discuss December meeting. It was decided to have a Christmas Party with a plus 1 on December 8th at the library. Bring Finger Foods and Linda Farmer is making the punch. Thanks in advance, Linda!

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** 1st Dave Devey 2nd Bruce Carlton

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10th, 2025 at 6 pm at the Carroll County District Library. Budget committee meets 1 hour prior.**

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