

January 13, 2025 CARROLL COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Carroll County Democratic 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. Ray Morgenstern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE (12+6) QUORUM: Tim Bille, Mary Ann Bryan, Dave Devey, Sarah Dyck, Linda Farmer, Valerie Gardner, Jan Kennedy, Janice Marciniak, Ron Mayle, Ray Morgenstern, Tom Postlethwait, and Paula Puch were present.

At large members: Jim Gardner, Melanie Wood, Mary Roberts, Joe Matics, J. Dan Schermerhorn and Brenda Serri.

Guests (4): Tom and Betsy Williams, Jerry Owens, and Joe Ayers

TOTAL 22

Chair Tom welcomed our guests. Chair Tom indicated that this meeting was a planning meeting for 2025 year.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Chair Tom received a notice from the Secretary of State that it was necessary to appoint a member to the County Board of Elections Board. Valerie Gardner was nominated to be reappointed as one of two board members by Jan Kennedy. Motion was seconded by Dave Devey. Motion passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jan Kennedy motioned to accept the minutes as presented by Secretary, Paula Puch. **Motion** seconded by Valerie Gardner. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT Treasurer, Linda Farmer, presented the December balance of \$8,339.56 with no deposits. Expenses: \$949.00. Ending balance: \$7,390.00. Special Fund balance is \$97.03. Jim Gardner motioned to accept the report. Seconded by Tim Bille. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Sarah Dyck indicated that the 2 year renewal for the domain name and website was necessary. A motion was made by Jan Kennedy and seconded by Jim Gardner to pay the renewal of: \$614.88 to Wix.com. Motion passed. A motion was made to reimburse Sarah for her charges to her credit card by Valerie Gardner and seconded by Dave Devey. **Motion passed.**
- Tom Postlethwait secured Longs Lock Up for the storage unit at an even lower price than first quoted. Dave Devey motioned to pay whatever payment was required for the storage rental for the year. Motion seconded by Jan Kennedy. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Member Sarah Dyck reported meeting the new Democrat candidate running for Secretary of State, Bryan Hambley. She stated that he was very interested in coming to Carroll County to meet us. He is a hematology oncologist at the University of

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Cincinnati Medical Center. He states that he has seen his patients and communities suffer from a broken and gerrymandered democracy in Ohio.

- The new calendar was developed. Subcommittee sign ups were presented. Chair Tom explained the subcommittees and suggested all sign up for a committee.
- With much discussion as to how to get the party moving in a different direction, two new subcommittees were developed. Outreach headed by Janice Marcinicak and Legislative headed by Dave Devey.
- Fairbooth was discussed. Discussion was to move booth to a different location. Opposite side near the doorway.
- Chair Tom felt it was of utmost importance to fill empty precinct committee seats. Empty are: Minerva, Brown A, Harrison B, Lee, Loudon, and Perry. Ray Morgenstern requested the lists from each precinct for us to peruse to see if anyone would recognize a worthy candidate.
- The comments from the December meeting were reviewed. Discussion continued. Here are a few of the highlights: Focus on 2 or 3 things that pertain to Carroll County, Meet the peoples' needs with a caucus of sorts, Dan Schermerhorn was willing to gather folks from neighboring counties and see what they do, Tom Williams expressed his concern over the Federal government possibly slashing the Department of Education.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Brenda Serri presented an article by Malcolm Nance entitled: "Forming the New American Resistance". She suggested we read it. It is about Focused Actions with Focused Objectives FAFO. He suggests we start with an inauguration blackout for 100 hours. No watching of any media regarding the inauguration.

ADJOURNMENT: 1ST: Ron Mayle. 2nd Sarah Dyck

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, February 10 TH 2025 at 6 pm at the Carroll County District Library/2nd St. Communications sub committee is meeting at 5 pm.

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

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