

Portage County Democratic Central/ Executive Committee
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Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2019
Maplewood Career Center
7075 OH 88
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Members Attending: 48

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman DePerro at 6:08pm with 48 members present along with a number of guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Robin Turner.

A motion was made by Frank Hairston to accept the Special Meeting minutes of December 20, 2018 with a 2nd from Leota Reale. The motion passed unanimously.

The Financial Balances were given by Treasurer Hank Gibson:
Detailed report available upon request.

A motion was made by Mike DeLuke to accept the financial statement with a 2nd by Mickey Marozzi. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

The Chair asked for nominations from the floor for appointments to the Board of Elections position. A nomination for Chris Mallin to be considered was made by Melissa Long and 2nd by Heidi Shaffer. A second nomination was made for Denise Smith to be considered was made by Ruth Stephens and 2nd by Victor Vigluicci. No other nominations were made. Frank Hairston moved to close nominations with Mike DeLuke seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ballots were passed out to all voting members. Chairman DePerro allowed each nominee to speak to the committee.

The votes tallied were as follows: Chris Mallin = 15 and Denise Smith = 33
Denise Smith will have her name submitted to the Ohio Secretary of State for the Board of Elections position.

Updates to the Democratic Headquarters have been made creating an ADA compliant entrance with the help of Rick Hawksley and Mr. Cipriano.

A new website for the Democratic Party has been created and will improve your access and information that will be available @ portagedemocrats.org. If you have any questions or requests please contact Brad Cromes.

Frank Hairston gave an update on the event being held on February 18th from 4:00p until 6:30p at the winery in Ravenna. It will be a meet and greet type gathering that will help raise funds for the party. This event is being organized by the Federated Democratic Women, the Democratic Party and the Black Elected Officials. The cost will be \$25 and open to all.

Since the last meeting, two letters of resignation have been received. Those being from Pam Goode - Palmyra Township B and Ronald Mishler - Suffield Township C. A motion to accept the resignations was made by Mike DeLuke and 2nd by Mickey Marozzi.

Brad Cromes gave an update from the State Central Committee as to the Main Street Initiative and selecting strong candidates for upcoming elections. Encouragement to individuals you may know that are considering running for office and utilizing these resources to run strong campaigns. Contact Brad if you have any questions.

Terrie Nielsen spoke to the need of additional poll workers as they are lacking volunteers. Please reach out to your neighbors or friends to encourage participation. The training for this is approximately 2-3 hours with payment of \$20. The pay for election day is \$120. Contact the Board of Elections for additional information.

The next meeting will be held on April 11th at the Maplewood Career Center. Notice will be sent.

The next Federated Women meeting will be held on February 9th from 11:00am -1:00pm at the English Pub.

A motion was made by Pat Nelson to adjourn the meeting with a 2nd from Frank Hairston meeting adjourned at 6:50pm