

**Portage County Democratic Central/ Executive Committee
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**Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2019
Maplewood Career Center
7075 OH 88
Ravenna, Ohio 44266**

Members Attending: 40

The Meeting was called to order by 1st Vice Chair Denise Smith at 6:12pm with 40 members present along with a number of guests and elected officials.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sheriff Dave Doak.

1st Vice Chair Smith affirmed with the Secretary that a quorum was met. A motion was made by Mike DeLuke to approve the meeting minutes of January 31st with John Kovacich seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The finance report was read by Treasurer Hank Gibson:

A motion was made by Mike DeLuke to accept the Treasurer's Report as read and Melissa Roubic 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A complete financial report is available upon request.

Bonnie Graham spoke about an upcoming conference on Single Payer Health Care Coverage and the Legislation in Ohio will be reintroduced with a new name and number as SPAN Ohio. There will be a conference on April 27th in Columbus if anyone is interested in attending.

Candidates present were Melissa Roubic and Stephen Smith both candidates for Municipal Court Judge, Christine West a candidate for Ravenna City Council, Rob Wemhoff a candidate for Kent City Council, and Heidi Schaffer a candidate for Kent City Council were present and addressed the committee with a brief platform for each position.

1st Vice Chair Smith asked members to help with upcoming events by contacting her with information on festivals and fairs. She also stressed the need for Poll workers in the upcoming election. Please contact the Board of Elections as soon as possible.

Brad Cromes read announcements to the party on the following: Tim Ryan's candidacy along with the website for additional information @ www.timryanforamerica.com. Donations can be made via that page. The Heartbeat Bill passing this week will be cause for additional fight to change that legislation. An announcement of the Federated Women meeting on Saturday the 13th, Fundraiser will be on June 13th from 5-8p at the Ravenna Elks, November 10th with be the VOTE Dinner (formally known as the Jefferson Jackson). Guest speaker will be Judge Melody Stewart. Additional information will be on the Portage Dems website.

Guest Speaker Liz Shirey, Director of Party Affairs of the Ohio Democratic Party was announced. She gave her presentation on the Ohio election results from previous election and what to look for on the upcoming election cycle.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm