

**Portage County Democratic Central/ Executive Committee**  
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**Zoom Meeting on August 13, 2020 @ 6:00pm**

**Democratic Central Committee Members Attending Via Zoom: 43**  
**Candidates & Guests Attending: 15**

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman DePerro at 6:07pm with 43 members present along with a number of guests and elected officials.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Denise Smith.

The Chair affirmed with the Secretary that a quorum was met. A motion was made by Fred Mendiola to approve the meeting minutes of December 12, 2019 and Zoom call of June 25, 2020 with a 2nd from Bob Howard. The motion passed unanimously.

The finance report was read by Dr. Dean DePerro. A motion to accept the finance report was made by Denise Smith with a 2nd by Tim Moon. The motion passed unanimously. Hank Gibson has asked to step down from the role of Treasurer. Any individuals interested in taking this position, shall contact Chairman DePerro or the Secretary, Cindy Greene via email. Bob Howard shall head the search committee to fill this seat.

**The finance report is available upon request.**

Resignations and Declaration of Open Positions:

Notice of Resignation have been received from Dave Gynn - Brimfield A; Jim Eskridge - Charlestown A and Casey Timmons- Windham A. A motion to accept these resignations was made by Fred Mendiola with a 2nd by Bob Howard. The motion passed unanimously.

Letters received to fill the following vacancies:

Sandy Money Penny- Mogadore Village; Gina Maglionico- Shalersville C.; Laura Stanley - Windham Twp. B. (tabled- currently not present in meeting)

**Resolution -Racism A Public Health Crisis** (see attached resolution). A motion was made by Hank Gibson and 2nd by Jim Wyatt to accept resolution. Motion passed with 42 Yeas, 1 Absentia.

Brad Cromes gave an update on the Coordinated Campaign. Please contact the headquarters and/or candidates for any assistance you may provide for the upcoming election. Please reach out to friends and neighbors to share your support for our endorsed candidates in the upcoming election.

Erin Myrla spoke on behalf of the Board of Elections and the need for poll workers. As Central Committee members, we are responsible for helping to fill these positions by recruiting registered voters in our area. If the Board of Elections is unable to fill these positions, there may be a result in longer lines for voters and even condensed voting locations throughout the county. Please reach out to friends and neighbors to contact the Board of Elections if able to work.

Appointments to fill vacancy of Shalersville C, now present in the meeting; Gina Maglionico-Shalersville C. A motion was made by Hank Gibson to appoint Gina and a 2nd by Denise Smith. The motion passed unanimously. Now present is Laura Stanley - Windham Twp. B. A motion by Bob Howard to appoint Laura with a 2nd by Tom Collins. Motion passed unanimously. Treasurer Brad Cromes administered the Oath of Office to the new appointments.

Candidates and/or representatives spoke to the party:

Tim Ryan- 13th District Congressional Candidate; Hilliary O'Connor Mueri- 14th District Congressional Candidate; Betsy Rader- State Senate Candidate; Kathleen Clyde- County Commissioner; John Kennedy- County Commissioner Candidate; Greg Johnson- Portage County Sheriff Candidate; Leighann Fink- Candidate for County Recorder, Judge Tim Cannon- 11th District Court of Appeals; Judge Cynthia Rice- 11th District Court of Appeals

Chairman DePerro gave special recognition to Judge Laurie Pittman and the group of Democrats participating in Portage CARES. The assistance provided to those in need throughout the County has been immeasurable. Follow the website or Facebook page for further updates and future locations.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Hank Gibson, a second by Aaron Heavner. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.