

Portage County Democratic Central/ Executive Committee
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Zoom Meeting on January 21, 2021 @ 6:00pm

Democratic Central Committee Members Attending Via Zoom: 56

Guests Attending: 7

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman DePerro at 6:12pm with 56 members present along with a number of guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Melissa Long.

A declaration of quorum was established by the Secretary.

A motion was made by Christopher Clevenger-Morris to approve the meeting minutes from December 17, 2020 with a 2nd by Pat Lorch. The motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report was read by Chairman DePerro. A motion to approve the report as read was made by Stephanie Rummel with a 2nd by Hank Gibson. The motion passed unanimously. A detailed report is available upon request.

Membership Updates: Sandy Money Penny was not on the call to be appointed to the Committee. Art Scott has moved out of the County, therefore he has been removed as a member of Streetsboro 3C.

Board of Elections Appointment Election: The Chair was in receipt of two applicants, Christopher Mallin and Randi Clites for consideration. David Hudgins moved to nominate Christopher Mallin and a 2nd by Bonnie Howe. Richard Brockett moved to nominate Randi Clites with a 2nd by Jim Wyatt. The Chair then asked for any additional nominations from the floor with none being made. The two nominees were given a moment to speak to the committee. A motion was made to close the nominations and to vote on the two nominees by Gina Maglionico and a 2nd by John Ruediger. The vote was conducted verbally, in lieu of a written ballot due to the meeting being on zoom. The tally concluded and confirmed Randi Clites as winner with 38 votes, Christopher Mallin receiving 19 votes. Randi Clites will be the nominee to the Secretary of State.

ODP update: Former Chairman David Pepper has resigned as of the end of the 2020. Liz Walters, from Summit County was chosen by the State Central Committee Members as the Chair going forward. She is the first female Chair for the Democratic Party in the State of Ohio.

Filing deadlines are fast approaching for local races in township, city and school board along with two judgeships. Please check with the Board of Elections for petition and filing deadlines for your area.

Appointment of Committee Treasurer: A couple of members contacted the chair about filling the role of Treasurer vacated by Hank Gibson. The Chair has recommended Gary Horning to fill this position. A motion was made by Lisa Hart to appoint Gary Horning as Treasurer of the Committee with a 2nd by Hank Gibson. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Appointments: The following members have agreed to be part of the Audit Committee- Bill McCluskey, Audrey Kessler, Ruth Stephens and Ina Sayre. The following members have agreed to be part of the Finance Committee- Gina Maglionico, Melissa Long and Hank Gibson. A motion was made by Frank Hairston to accept the members as recommended with a 2nd by John Ruediger. The motion passed unanimously. The following Ad Hoc committees have been formed and will consist of the person listed accordingly. These individuals are not required to be members of the Central Committee. Membership Duties Committee: Frank Hairston, David Hudgins, Christopher Clevenger-Morris, Tyler Gardner, Becky Doggett. Service Committee: Denise Smith, Gloria Haven, Samantha Stephens, John Kennedy. Constitution Review Committee: Terrie Nielsen, Bob Howard, Lisa Hirt, John Montello, Kathleen Clyde, Leighann Fink and Bruce Ribelin. Any members that have an interest in participating in a particular ad hoc, please contact a member of such to assist.

Poll Workers are needed for the May election. Please reach out to your neighbors, friends and family to recruit their help. They may contact the Board of Elections for information and training.

The Federated Democratic Women will be holding a fundraiser via mail in February and are looking for donations. The mailing will be sent with seed packets to promote the "Planting seeds of Democracy."

The next meeting will be held via zoom on February 25, 2021 @ 6:00p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Christopher Clevenger-Morris and a 2nd by Frank Hairston. The meeting adjourned at 7:25p.m.