

The Federated Democratic Women of Portage Cty.

Date: January 9, 2021

Place: ZOOM Meeting

MINUTES

Present: Randi Clites, Sue Coia, Diane Davis, Becky Doggett, Delores Durban, Gloria Haven, Vicki Kline, Melissa Long, Chris Mallin, Erin Myria, Pat Nelson, Terrie Nielson, Carla Reale, Leota Reale, Lucy Ribelin, Denise Smith, Norma Welling

Call to Order:

President Haven called the meeting to order at 11:01 am.

Minutes:

Minutes were not read.

Member and National Concerns:

On Wednesday, Jan. 6 our Nation was shocked by an insurrection on the Country's Capital by a mob storming the Capital in an effort to circumvent the Legislature from certifying the Electoral College vote showing that Joe Biden and Kamala Harris won the 2020 Presidential/Vice President election. Time was taken to express our sympathy for the five US Citizens who died during this horrific event:

- Brian Sicknick, age 42, US Capital Police Officer who was struck by a fire extinguisher and died from his injuries.
- Ashli Babbitt, age 35, Air Force Veteran who was shot by a Capital Police Officer as she was breaching the door of the House Chambers.
- Kevin Greeson, age 55, of a medical emergency (heart attack)
- Benjamin Phillips, age 50, of a medical emergency (stroke).
- Rosanne Boyland, age 34, was trampled to death by the mob.

Troubling times and disturbing news: This week a sign saying, "Democrats are the Fraud Party," was found on the window of the PC Democratic Office. The police have been called and an investigation is underway.

Old Business

1. Oath of Office:
 - a. Chris Mallin administered the oath of Office to the newly elected FDW officials for their 2021-22 term:
 - i. Gloria Haven, President
 - ii. Delores Durban, First Vice President
 - iii. Norma Welling, Second Vice President
 - iv. Becky Doggett, Recording Secretary
 - v. Terrie Nielson, Corresponding Secretary
 - vi. Denise Smith, Membership Secretary
 - vii. Lucy Ribelin, Treasurer
2. Dues statements:
 - a. Denise Smith informed the membership she has send the dues statements on Jan. 6. Dues for women members are \$15 and \$20 for patron members. Denise will work with Lucy Ribelin and Terrie Nielson to keep track of the membership.

SPECIAL MEETING

Date: Jan. 26 (Tues)

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: ZOOM Mt.

REGULAR MO. MEETING

Date: Feb. 13 (Sat.)

Time: 11:00 am

Place: ZOOM Mt.

- b. Denise is also sending a separate letter to the volunteers from the last election cycle encouraging them to consider joining the FDW and to welcome them to participate in any of our meetings and events.
3. Fundraiser update: Delores Durbin, Denise Smith, and Becky Doggett gave the Update:
 - a. Delores has re-written the poem for the letter and has identified the stationary we will use.
 - b. Denise is consolidating the mailing lists.
 - c. Becky will be ordering the “flag” seed pouches.
 - d. Gloria and Lucy will work on setting up a credit card option like “Square” or “Venmo.”

New Business:

1. Pat Nelson has decided to step down from the PC Board of Elections due to health reasons. All of the FDW wish to thank her for her many years of service to the Board and the County. She has been a staunch advocate of fair and honest elections.
 - a. Two FDW members have expressed interest in applying for the seat on the Board of Elections and took time to explain their credentials and why they are running:
 - i. Randi Clites
 - ii. Chris Mallin
2. **Pop-Up Food Drive sponsored by Judge Pittman and the “Portage Cares” group.**
 - a. **Jan. 18 at Family & Community Services, 143 Cougler Ave, Kent**
 - i. **Buy a week of groceries for a family and deliver to location at 8:15 am.**
 - b. Diane Davis moved to use money from the FDW Club account to support this effort and to purchase food for two families each time the Portage Cares group schedules this event; Terrie Nielson seconded; motion passed.
 - i. We will insert a note in the food box letting the family know the food is from the FDW.
 - ii. All members are encouraged to personally support this effort.
3. Improve the presence of the FDW within Portage County through actions and events:
 - a. We need to focus on things we can actually do.
 - b. Jan. 26 (Tues) at 6:00 pm we will have a Special Meeting to discuss ways we can increase our presence in the county. Please join the meeting with your ideas.**
4. Guest speakers: Norma Welling will follow-up on proposed speakers:
 - a. Tim Ryan, Congressman
 - b. Sherrod Brown, State Senator
 - c. Connie Schultz, Journalist
 - d. Ryan Claassen, Political Science Prof. KSU

Reports:

1. Treasurer’s Report: Leota gave the report:
 - a. Club Account equals \$1,950.38
 - b. PAC Account equals \$ 5,633.23 (This includes a recent deposit of \$1.846.00)
2. Gloria, Lucy, and Leota will go to the bank to transfer Lucy’s name onto the account.

The Next meeting is scheduled on February 13 at 11:00 am. This will be a ZOOM meeting.

Adjournment:

Carla Reale moved to adjourn the meeting; Delores Durbin seconded; motion passed. Pres, Haven adjourned the meeting at 12: 23 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Becky Doggett
Recording Secretary