

# *The Federated Democratic Women of Portage Cty.*

Date: March 6, 2021

ZOOM Meeting

## Next Meeting

Date: April 10 (Sat.)

Time: 11:00 am

Place: ZOOM Meeting

# MINUTES

**Present:** Ann Boyles, Chris Clevenger-Morris, Suzanne Coia, Diane Davis, Becky Doggett, Delores Durbin, Jill Fankhauser, Gloria Haven, Melissa Long, Erin Myrna, Ashton Narzizi, Jeanette Poole, Lucy Ribelin, Carla Reale, Leota Reale, Tegan Riley

## Call to Order:

President Haven called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

## Minutes:

**Delores Durbin moved to suspend the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes, Lucy Ribelin seconded; motion passed.**

## Member Concerns:

Pat Nelson is still in the hospital and doing rehab to regain her health. You can send her a card at: Summa Rehab Hospital, 29 N. Adams St, Room , Akron, OH 44304

## Old Business

1. Poll Workers: Erin Myria informed the members that the BOE is still looking for people to work at the polls. If you know of anyone who is interested, they can call the BOE at 330-297-3511.
2. Fundraiser: Delores Durbin and Becky Doggett gave an update.
  - a. We have finalized the narrative for the fundraiser and will print it on a 2-sided heavy bond paper.
  - b. We are working with Chris-Clevenger, Ashton Nazizi, and Carla Reale to create a web page so people can donate online.
  - c. Lucy Ribelin and Gloria Haven have received their debt cards.
  - d. Our goal is to have everything mailed and promoted online in the next couple of weeks.
3. The members discussed the issue of the County Commissioner's decision to stop live streaming their meetings. *The Portager*, online newsletter, decided to purchase video equipment in order to provide the public live stream coverage of the Commissioner's meetings. In addition, one Commissioner, Tony Badalamenti, continues to refuse to wear his mask during the meetings.
  - a. **Leota Reale moved that the FDW write a letter to the Editor to the Record Courier and *The Portager* regarding these issues, Carla Reale seconded; motion passed.**
4. Chris Clevenger-Morris gave an update on the FDW LOGO.
  - a. He received several ideas for a LOGO. He encouraged the membership to submit more ideas. His email is: [chris@cc-morris.com](mailto:chris@cc-morris.com). He will email the members of the ideas and members can vote on the one they like. He will report back at the next meeting.
5. Pres. Haven told the members that Becky Doggett has \$60.00 left from the last pop-up food drive and she wanted to know how the Club wanted to spend it. We can wait for the next po-up food drive or we could use it for the Ravenna Center of Hope and Kent Social Services Easter basket initiative.
  - a. **Delores Durbin moved the FDW use the \$60.00 to make-up Easter baskets for the Ravenna Center of Hope and Kent Social Services Easter basket initiative, Carla seconded; motion passed.**

### **New Business:**

1. Meet the new Ohio Democratic Chairwoman, Liz Walters
  - a. Becky Doggett, Delores Durbin and Melissa Long listened to her webinar and summarized her remarks:
    - i. What's next for the Democrats – Look at the party to marshal our resources and strategically move forward.
      1. Organize – build grass roots infrastructure and gain access to activities and activism to pull all of us together.
      2. Republican accountability – we have to tell the story and the true cost to working families. We have to confront Republicans with their abrasive behavior for example the First Energy Scandal, House Bill 6, and COVID.
      3. Infrastructure – we have to access data and develop tools we need to shift the urban voters who are leaning more “left” to vote Democratic. We have to work with young Democrats.
      4. Back to basics – register people to vote, get involved in political activities. We have to bring in the vote, get back to our communities and ask them “what is important to you and what do you care about.” Then develop strategies to address those needs and concerns.
      5. Opportunities – Rob Portman vacancy. We have to marshal all of our resources to secure this seat. Also, the Governor’s race will be in 2022.
      6. Redistricting – This very important issue must be resolved equitably and we need people to get involved with this process. There are webinars to help understand the process and what Democrats can do.
  - b. **Delores Durbin moved to create an honorary FDW membership for Liz Walters, Becky seconded; motion passed.**
    - i. Pres. Haven will extend the membership to Ms. Walters.

### **Reports:**

1. Treasurer’s Report: Lucy Ribelin gave an update.
  - a. The CLUB account balance is \$2,305.38
    - i. \$225.00 in dues
    - ii. 51 people registered as members
  - b. The PAC Account balance is \$7,096.52
2. **Delores Durbin moved to approve the report, Carla Reale seconded; motion passed.**

### **Open Comments/Announcements:**

A discussion ensued regarding how our members can move forward and get more involved. It was proposed we create a sub-committee of a small group of people to plan events, get more involved online, and set a plan of action. Then members can choose to get involved in the opportunities. Pres. Haven asked if anyone is interested in Chairing this initiative and Tegan Riley stepped forward.

**Delores Durbin moved to appoint Tegan Riley to Chair our Action Team, Carla Reale seconded; motion passed.**

### **Adjournment:**

Delores Durbin moved to adjourn, Carla Reale seconded; Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 12:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Becky Doggett