

# *The Federated Democratic Women of Portage Cty.*

Date: May 8, 2021

ZOOM Meeting

## MINUTES

<p><b>Next Meeting</b> <b>Date: June 19 (Sat)</b> <b>Time: 11:00 am</b> <b>Place: Double R Bar-B-Que</b> <b>4914 Prospect St.</b> <b>Ravena</b></p>
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**Present:** Sue Coia, Becky Doggett, Delores Durbin, Gloria Haven, Bonnie Howe, Melissa Long, Erin Myrna, Ashton Narzisi, Terrie Nielsen, Carla Reale, Leota Reale, Regan Riley, Lucy Ribelin, Denise Smith

### Call to Order:

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

### Minutes:

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

### Old Business

1. **Fundraiser update:** Lucy Ribelin informed the members we have raised \$5,330. We spent \$270 on printing the info cards, \$138 on postage and \$200 for the ACTBLUE digital donation application.
2. **Primary Election Results:** Terrie Nielsen informed the members that the voter turnout was very low, 11%. The Children's Service issue passed. The November General Election will have Judges Fankhauser and Poland up for re-election. Terrie also stated the Board of Elections is undergoing renovations but the office will be open with the entrance temporarily moved down the hall.
3. **Collaboration with the NAACP to sponsor a ZOOM Town Hall with Tim Ryan:** Pres. Haven stated a date has not yet been set. She will contact Frank Hairston for additional information.
4. **Executive Committee Meeting:** The meeting on April 20 resulted in four initiatives we will take for the remainder of the year. Each member is encouraged to select at least one area where she would like to get more involved. The four key initiatives are:
  1. **Open the Democratic office:**
    - a. Volunteers can focus attention on the Redistricting issue by sending post cards, active Voter Restrictions bills, make phone calls, advertise voter registration and absentee ballots, distribute candidate road signs, etc.
    - b. Office Hours: Weekly 10 am – 2 pm, 5-7 pm and Sat. 10 am – 2 pm.
    - c. Committee Members: Bonnie Graham, Melissa Long, Suzanne Coia, Bonnie Howe, Delores Durban, Carla Reale, Leota Reale, Regina Holliday, Becky Doggett
      - i. If interested in volunteering contact Becky Doggett at 330-283-5144 or [Doggett.becky@gmail.com](mailto:Doggett.becky@gmail.com).
  2. **V.O.T.E. GALA:**
    - a. The members stated they would like to have a venue that offers a patio and inside dining to accommodate social distancing. Also, maybe a social hour event with hors d'oeuvres rather than a buffet/sit-down dinner. The members also want to have a guest speaker along with Judges Fankhauser and Poland. They also stated an interest in holding the Gala in September rather than October.
    - b. Committee Members: Denise DePerro, Delores Durbin, Melissa Long, Carla Reale, Leota Reale, Denise Smith, Tegan Riley
      - i. If you would like to join this group contact Delores Durbin at 440-822-0416 or [Bsn1984@aol.com](mailto:Bsn1984@aol.com).

### 3. Collaboration with other Democratic Groups:

- a. The FDW will join with the Democratic Central Committee's "Service Group" and other Democratic groups to increase our efforts to reach out to Portage County citizens. As service opportunities are scheduled, we will use the Dem Committee Facebook page and hopefully soon our FDW website. Below are scheduled events for you to support:
  - i. **May 22 PLANT FLOWERS** at Path Portage County Family & Community Services at 705 Oakwood St, Ravenna at 10:00 am. We will plan flowers.
  - ii. **May 25 FOOD DRIVE** at Windham Salvation Army at 9005 Wilverne Dr, Windham at 8:30 am to pack boxes and 10:00 am to load cars.
  - iii. **June 26 SHINE THE LIGHT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WALK** at Sunny Lake at 885 Mennonite Rd, Aurora from 5 – 9 pm. Cost is \$24 pp. Contact Safer Futures on its social media page, Facebook or call 330-673-2500.
- b. Committee members: Denise Smith, Tegan Riley, Becky Doggett. Contact Denise Smith at 330-671-8254 or [civilchief01@gmail.com](mailto:civilchief01@gmail.com)
  - i. If you would like to join this group.

### 4. Emergency Contacts to Members to Take Action:

- a. We will use social media to alert members to take action on issues.
- b. Committee members: Tegan Riley, Carla Reale, and Chris Clevenger-Morris.
  - i. If you would like to join this group contact Tegan Riley at 330-472-9350 or [tabeechey@gmail.com](mailto:tabeechey@gmail.com)

5. **Democratic Judges Meet and Greet:** A date of **August 14 at Fred Fuller Park** has been scheduled for people to meet Judges Fankhauser and Poland. Leota Reale is coordinating this event.

6. **FDW Website:** We are trying to complete our website pages. We need your help. If you have any information about the history of our organization, please contact Carla Reale at 330-554-7934 or [creale003@gmail.com](mailto:creale003@gmail.com) or Christopher Clevenger-Morris at 937-509-2993 or [chris@cc-morris.com](mailto:chris@cc-morris.com)

### New Business:

1. **FDW Democrat of the Year** nominations: Please call or text your nominations to Pres. Haven at 330-815-9362. This person will be recognized at the V.O.T.E. GALLA.
2. **"The People's Budget"**
  - a. Brad Cromes is working with the "All in for Ohio" coalition – a partnership between Innovation Ohio, the organizing Collaborative and Policy Matters Ohio to unveil what they are calling "The People's Budget. "The People's Budget" is designed to re-balance Ohio's broken tax code and target resources to those who need them. For more information go to: [www.allinforohio.com/peoples-budget](http://www.allinforohio.com/peoples-budget)
3. **The FDW of OHIO will have their Convention** on Sat. June 5 at Hartville Kitchen.

### Reports:

1. Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Club Account equals \$2,425.38
  - b. PAC Account equals \$11,620.99

**Becky Doggett moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Leota Reale seconded; motion passed.**

### Adjournment:

Pres. Haven adjourned at 12:19 pm.

**PLS NOTE: The next meeting will be an in-person meeting on June 19 at 11:00 am. at Double R Bar-B-Que, 4914 Prospect St, Ravenna.**

Respectfully submitted by, Becky Doggett, Secretary