

The Federated Democratic Women of Portage Cty.

Date: July 13, 2021

Place: Little City Grill

Address: 802 N. Mantua St, Kent, Ohio

MINUTES

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Date: Aug 10 (Tues) Time: 5:30 pm Place: BRICCO Restaurant 210 S. Depeyster St Kent</p> <p>- Across from Kent Hotel - Parking Garage across the street</p>

SPECIAL TREAT: FDW is buying your dinner! Join us at BRICCO restaurant on Aug. 10 at 5:30 pm. Your dinner will be paid for. If you want an alcoholic beverage you can go to the bar to purchase one. We will give the server a 20% tip but if you want to give more you can do so in cash.

Present: Suzanne Coia, James Demitrus, Kathleen Demitrus, Luanne Dennis, Becky Doggett, Delores Durbin, Bonny Graham, Vicki Kline, Melissa Long, Ruth Ludwick, Chris Mallin, Erin Myrla, Terrie Nielsen, Carla Reale, Leota Reale, Denise Smith, Bob Springer

Call to Order:

President Haven called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.

Member Concerns:

Richard Brockett is home and doing well. He would appreciate a call or a card.

Minutes:

The minutes were read. There were three corrections:

- Under Treasurer's Report:
 - o The phrase, "PAC tax," was changed to, "tax funds."
 - o Point "d" was reworded, "The finance report that was submitted to the BOE for 2019-2020 resulted in several questions regarding how various funds were allocated. We had difficulty finding the receipts and some expenditures were not clearly explained."
- Under New Business:
 - o Point "2" Judge Poland's first name was corrected to "Kevin."

Delores Durbin moved to approve the minutes as corrected, Leota Reale seconded; motion passed.

Reports:

1. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Club account is \$2,396.40
 - b. PAC account is \$11,846.82
2. Update on local Events:
 - a. July 17 – Congressmen Tim Ryan Breakfast Town Hall
 - i. Event will be hosted by the Democratic Central Committee
 - ii. Location: Independence, 575 Lake St, Ravenna

- iii. Time: 10:00 – 11:00 am
 - iv. Register online or day of event
 - b. July 27 – Judge Poland Fundraiser
 - i. Location: Ravenna Elks, 776 N. Freedom St.
 - ii. Time: 4:00 – 7:00 pm
 - iii. Register online or day of event
 - c. July 31 – PC Cares – Support Recovery Houses
 - i. Location: A van will be stationed at the County Court House lawn
 - ii. Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
 - iii. Requesting personal hygiene items. You can drop off items at the Democratic Office on Mon – Wed – Fri from 10:00 – 2:00 pm or Mon evening from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.
 - d. Aug 14 – Judges Fankhauser and Poland Meet and Greet
 - i. Location: Fred Fuller Park – Shelter #4
 - ii. Time: 12 noon – 3:00 pm
 - iii. Meet the candidates, enjoy the food and fresh air
 - e. Oct. 14 – V.O.T.E.Gala
 - i. Location: Ravenna Elks, 776 N. Freedom St.
 - ii. Time: 6:30 – 9:30 pm
 - iii. Caterer: Guidos
 - iv. Speaker: To Be Determined
 - v. **Delores Durbin made a motion to make the Gala a tribute to Craig Stephens, former Chair of the PC Democratic Central Committee, Vicki Kline seconded; motion approved.**
 - 1. Pres. Haven will contact Ruth Stephens, wife of Craig.
 - f. Other Events:
 - i. Denise Smith passed around a sign-up sheet for members to volunteer for The Balloon- a-Fair, Garrettsville Summer Festival, & Portage County Fair
 - ii. Andrew Kluge, President of Ravenna City Council, is having a fundraiser at Carriage House Creamery on July 18 from 4:00 – 5:00 pm.
 - iii. The Board of Elections will have a booth at the PC Fair.
 - iv. Aug 2 – Trumble County FDW Annual Picnic at Perkings Park. Warren at 6:00 pm.

Old Business:

1. Democratic Central Committee update: Denise Smith
 - a. Kathleen Clyde made a detailed analysis for the 2020 election
 - b. Two Standing Committees have been formed:
 - i. Membership Committee has developed a Handbook to assist members with expectations of membership, they will also concentrate on recruiting new members.
 - ii. Volunteer Committee will identify outreach events throughout the county and work to collaborate with other Democratic organizations.
 - c. Cindy Green, Central Committee Secretary, is stepping down. If you know someone who might like the position have them send an email to Dean DePerro, Committee Chair; copy Brad Cromes and Denise Smith.
2. Volunteer of the Year:
 - a. Anyone who was not at the June meeting and would like to nominate someone please contact Pres. Haven.

New Business:

1. Delores Durbin moved to form a committee to review the FDW Constitution and By-Laws regarding endorsing candidates and financially supporting candidates and present their amendment proposals at the September meeting, Leota Reale seconded; motion approved.

Open Comments/Announcements:

1. Delores Durbin suggested we create a postcard size FDW business card that we can distribute at our events and the PC Fair.
2. Nov 13 - Holiday Gathering and Auction will be at the Parkside Event Center in Brady Lake at 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Next Meeting:

August 10 - BRICCO Restaurant, 210 S. Depeyster St. Kent at 5:30 pm

Adjournment:

Pres. Haven adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Becky Doggett

Secretary