

The Federated Democratic Women of Portage Cty.

Date: August 10, 2021

Place: BRICCO Restaurant

Address: 210 S. Depeyster St, Kent

Next Meeting

Date: Sept. 7 (Tues)

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Reed Mem. Library

167 E. Main St.

Ravenna

Haymaker Room

MINUTES

Present: Randi Clites, Suzanne Coia, Vince Coia, Diane Davis, Kathleen Demitrus, Becky Doggett. Jill Fankhauser, Mark Fankhauser, Gloria Haven, Vicki Kline, Erin Myrla, Terrie Nielsen, Carla Reale, Leota Reale, Shannon Sampson, Denise Smith, Norma Welling. Tiffany Welling

Guests: Logan Harrah, Kevin Poland, Sherry Rose

Call to Order:

President Haven called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.

Minutes:

Terrie Nielsen moved to suspend the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes, Denise Smith seconded; motion approved.

Member Concerns:

1. Richard Brockett, broken hip
2. Charles Chandler, fell and injured & other health issues.
3. Melissa Long, broken hip and arm. Send cards and/or call to:
 - a. Heartland of Twinsburg, 8855 Darrow Rd, Room 105, Twinsburg, 44087
 - b. 330-840-2910
4. Delores Durbin, recent illness

Member & Guest Acknowledgements:

Pres. Haven acknowledged the two Municipal Judge Candidates, Mark Fankhauser and Kevin Poland who came to the meeting to express their thanks for the donations to their campaigns.

Guest Speaker:

Pres. Haven introduced the speaker, Sherry Rose, Development Director for the League of Women Voters. She spoke regarding the Ohio Redistricting process currently taking place. The LWV is partnering with the financial arm of Fair Districts Ohio and Common Cause to educate people about the process. Key takeaways from her presentation are:

- Governor DeWine convened the Redistricting Commission on Friday Aug. 6. It is a seven-member body who are responsible to redraw the Ohio voting districts. The Commission met for only seven minutes in order to acknowledge the members. There are two Democrats on the Committee.
- The next step is to schedule a number of meetings throughout the State where citizens may offer input regarding redistricting the Ohio Map.
- The LWV is supporting asking for Community Based Maps where Ohio can get fair elections and maps.
- Normally the Commission would have received the census data by Aug. 16. However, the ability for the Commission to receive the census data was interrupted by the pandemic and Governor DeWine's sluggish response to convene the Commission.

- The goal is to develop acceptable Maps to both parties that will last for ten years.
- The first Maps must be submitted by Sept. 30. If Democrats and Republicans cannot agree on the Maps they have until Oct. 30 to submit adjusted Maps. If D/R's still can't agree they have until Nov. 30 to submit the final version. If there still is no agreement among D/R's Ohio will be forced to submit a four-year Map which will most likely lead to Litigation.
- WHAT CAN YOU DO:
 - o First Ms. Rose thanked the membership for sending postcards to our State Reps.
 - o Go to the following website: : fairdistrictsohio2021@gmail.com
 - o The LWV's is going to launch a second round of postcards to ask the Commission to develop fair community-based maps. As soon as they arrive we will have a supply at the Democratic Office for us to complete and send.
 - o Attend one or more of the regional meetings sponsored by the Commission and speak-up for fair and impartial maps.
 - o Sign the petition at: **The Action Network**
 - o Make a donation: **The Action Network**
 - o Sign-up for FAIR MAPS DAY SEPT. 21 at: fairdistrictsohio2021@gmail.com
 - And to schedule: www.fairdistrictsohio.org/fairmapsday
 - o Contact your Representative.
 - o Put up a **Fair Redistricting sign in your yard** (available at the Democratic Office).

Additional Speakers:

1. **Shannon Sampson:** A new member and resident of Deerfield who is running for a Township Trustee position and is asking for our support. She has been a Social Studies teacher in the Southeast community district for many years. She recently left teaching and this is her first time running for office. There has never been a woman elected to the Deerfield Trustees and she is running on a platform to serve the community by listening to the residents and acting on their behalf.
2. **Vince Coia:** Vince is running for re-election to the Board of Trustees for Ravenna Township and is asking for our support. Vince has been a Trustee for over eleven years and is highly respected for his work and contributions to the county.

Old Business

1. **Holiday Gathering/Auction:**
 - a. Leota moved to pay Parkside Event Center \$400.00 for rental fee, Norma Welling seconded; motion approved.
2. **Young Democrats** will be sending the second round of postcards to new voters and they are asking if the FDW could again help by purchasing stamps.
 - a. Jill and Mark Fankhauser told the members they will purchase 300 stamps and Randi Clites said she would purchase 200 stamps.
 1. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. The Young Dems will be very grateful.

New Business:

1. The FDW Constitution/By Laws Committee will hold their first meeting on Aug, 31 at 6:00 pm at the Democratic Office. The members of the committee are:
 - Gloria Haven - Chair
 - Leota Reale
 - Bob Springer
 - Terrie Nielsen
 - Delores Durbin
 - Carla Reale
 - Chris Clevenger-Morris
 - Ruth Ludwick
- **NOTE: Pres. Haven has postponed this meeting until further notice**

Area Events:

1. Fankhauser/Poland Meet & Greet: Aug 14 at Fred Fuller Park Shelter 4. Everything is planned and we hope to see all of you on Sat.
2. PC Fair the week of Aug. 23: Denise Smith could use a few more volunteers. Call/text her at 330-671-8254.
3. Balloon-a-Fair on Sept. 18: Call/text Denise Smith if you can help 330-671-8254.
4. Fair Maps Day on Sept 21: Register at fairdistrictsohio2021@gmail.com
5. V.O.T.E. Gala on Oct. 14: Leota said she is looking for a caterer because Guidos cannot do the event and also looking for a speaker.

Reports:

5. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Club Account balance is \$2,333.43
 - b. PAC Account balance is \$8,863.32
 - i. Donations were sent to three candidates:
 1. Mark Fankhauser, Municipal Judge \$1,500.00
 2. Kevin Poland, Municipal Judge \$1,500.00
 3. Marvin Woods, Streetsboro Council at Large \$300.00

General Comments:

Pres. Haven wants to thank everyone who attended the meeting and the speakers we heard from. Many members thanked her and the club for paying for everyone's dinner. The food was really good and the fellowship was great. A little too noisy for an effective meeting but it was a lively meeting.

Adjournment:

Pres. Haven adjourned the meeting at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Becky Doggett
Secretary