

August 12, 2024 CARROLL COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Carroll County Democratic Central and Executive Committee met on this date at the Carroll County District Library at 6:00 pm. Committee Chair, Tom Postlethwait, called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE: (13+2) QUORUM Tim Bille, Dave Devey, Sarah Dyck, Linda Farmer, Valerie Gardner, Georgette Huff, Jan Kennedy, Janice Marciniak, Ron Mayle, Ray Morgenstern, Terri Ossler,, Tom Postlethwait, Paula Puch were present. At large members: Jim Gardner and Mary Roberts.

Guests (5): Dan Votaw,(candidate) Andrew Neider (rep for Marty Hume’s campaign) Dan Schermerhorn, Joe Matics and Melanie Wood.

The guests introduced themselves and their motivation to attend the meeting. Dan Votaw (candidate) and Andrew Neider (Marty Hume candidate representative) Dan Schermerhorn, Joe Matics, and Melanie Wood are willing workers to be a part of the Carroll County Democrat Party (CCDP).

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chair Tom reported:

- Noel Kirby, contact person for billboards. Sherrod Brown billboard is set and ready to be printed. We still need a print for the Harris Walz billboard. Tom presented some choices. Jan Kennedy disagreed with Tom’s pick and stated, “Simple is best”. The thought was; “What can people read going 55 mph down the road?” The group began searching for images on their phones. A straw poll was taken and the image presented by Sarah Dyck was the favorite choice. Tom will proceed with the image with Noel Kirby.
- 100 Harris/Walz yard signs are ordered from the Treasurer of the County Chairman Association. These were already paid for previously. This brought up a question from Paula Puch.” Should ask for a donation for yard signs?”. **Much** discussion entailed resulting in a **motion** from Jan Kennedy: Be it resolved that it is not necessary to make a request for a donation but one could ask for a donation but the receiver of the sign is **not required** to give a donation. This motion was seconded by Dave Devey. Motion carried.
- Chair Tom received information from Tim Webber, who is from Postcards to Swing States; provides free postcards to send to voters. The committee addresses and pays postage. Tom asked for a motion to pursue this action. Linda Farmer made the **motion** to get the free postcards. Motion was seconded by Mary Roberts. **Motion** passed.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: A motion was made by Jan Kennedy to accept the minutes presented digitally. Motion was seconded by Val Gardner. Motion passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer, Linda Farmer presented report. July balance was \$8,761.46. Committee had \$325 in deposits. Expenses: \$1059.00 August balance is

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\$8,027.46. Special Fund balance: \$97.03. Jan Kennedy motioned to accept the treasurer's report with a second from Valerie Gardner. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Chair Tom reviewed plans for the upcoming Chicken BBQ: Rack Cleaning – August 21st 6 pm at Chair Tom's home. Ticket count to Tom P Monday August 19th.
- Tom asked for Volunteers: Ron Mayle and Tim Bille will pick up racks at 7 am, Chicken flippers are: Dan Hupp, Larry Ledford, Ron Mayle, Tim Bille, Val and Jim Gardner, Chicken Cookers: Paula and Tom Puch, Chicken delivery: Val and Jim Gardner, Potato and cookie bakers: Terri Ossler and Dave Devey, Pick up and bag dinner rolls: Dan Schermerhorn

NEW BUSINESS:

- Per request from Tom P., Paula Puch presented a draft letter to the Editor to be written from the committee in support of Marty Hume. Paula asked the committee to edit/correct/ add to and approve before sending to the two newspapers in town.
- Guest Andrew Neider spoke to the group about communication of important dates and yard sign distribution for Marty Hume. He also asked about a neighborhood host for a small meet and great gathering.
- Dan Votaw introduced himself and his campaign to the group. He provided yard signs to the group.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Ray Morgenstern chairs the Mohawk Fall Fest that the committee agreed to attend on September 15th. He has graciously agreed to pay the entrance fee and provide the Give A Way Basket. Thank you Ray! Mohawk Lake is open to the public and gates will be open.
- Sarak Dyck reported on the Kripchak campaign. Kripchak stated he would like to have Town Hall meetings. Discussion entailed as to where, when, PA systems, who is in charge of the town square?, attending the commissioner's mtg to inform them of the town hall. More discussion needed and advisement of potential dates.
- Linda Farmer reported on the Dancing on the Bridge Event Saturday September 7th. She cannot man the booth this year and was looking for a volunteer. Tim Bille volunteered. Thank you Tim!
- Dave Devey presented a **motion** to spend \$500.00 to the efforts of equal and fair districting....getting rid of gerrymandering. Citizens Not Politicians Issue 1 on the November ballot. Motion seconded by Jan Kennedy. Motion passed.
- The current budget was referred to by Treasurer as to the spending budgeted for campaign efforts.

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- Ron Mayle **motioned** to give \$500 to each of our local candidates: Dan Votaw, Michael Kripchak and Marty Hume. Motion was seconded by Ray Morgenstern. Motion passed.
- Janice Marciniak **motioned** to petition Melanie Wood to become a member at large. Motion was seconded by Terri Ossler. Motion passed. Welcome Melanie!

ADJOURNMENT: 1ST: Jan Kennedy 2nd: Dave Devey

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, September 9 TH 2024 at 6 pm at the Carroll County District Library/2nd St. Subcommittee: Campaign subcommittee meets 30 minutes prior.

Minutes respectively submitted by Paula Puch, CCDP Secretary.