

September 09, 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: (10+1) QUORUM Tim Bille, Mary Ann Bryan, Dave Devey, Valerie Gardner, Georgette Huff, Janice Marciniak, Ron Mayle, Ray Morgenstern, Linda Peoples, Tom Postlethwait, were present. At large member: Melanie Wood.

Guests (5): Dan Votaw, (candidate) Brenda Serri from Malvern, Glenn Appel from Carrollton Village, Bruce Carlton from Fox Twp, and Emily Devey from Orange Twp

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chair Tom reported:

- He had received a confusing letter from Precinct member, Joe McFadden, announcing his resignation from the committee effective 9-1-24. The letter goes on to state that he feels it was heartless to leave him out of committee activities such as the recent BBQ, he was upset that he did not receive tickets to sell; that tickets have not been sent to him several times. He stated after speaking with legal counsel that he would be entitled to compensation of \$1200 to \$1500 for the pain and anguish he has gone through. Chair Tom stated that he didn't send tickets this time because the last several events, Joe didn't attend or sell any tickets and thereby showed no interest in this fundraiser. Later in the meeting, his resignation was accepted with a **motion** by Ray Morgenstern, seconded by Dave Devey, **motion** passed with all in favor.
- Chair Tom heard from Noel Kirby regarding the billboards. The Sherrod Brown board is up but had a misspelling and the error was not caught when Tom and Janet proofread it. It should be updated soon and the charge for this has been covered. The Harris Walz sign should be done soon.
- More signs are ready from Janet Carson. It was reiterated that even though municipalities may have a sign restriction, it was determined by the Supreme Court ruling that it infringes upon "free speech" and thereby cannot be enforced.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: In the absence of Secretary Paula Puch, Val Gardner read the minutes from the August meeting and they were approved as read with a **motion** by Tim Bille, seconded by Dave Devey. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: In the absence of Treasurer Linda Farmer, Tom P. gave the treasurer's report. August balance was \$8027.46 with deposits from the BBQ of \$4305.00 and donations of \$310. Expenses: \$1888 BBQ, \$1000 payments to Votaw and Hume campaigns. Encumbered monies; \$1000 to be paid ;\$500 Michael Kripchak and \$500 Issue 1 Gerrymandering. Ending balance: \$10,321.44 . Special Fund balance is \$97.03. Val Gardner **motioned** to approve the report and seconded by Dave Devey. Motion passed.

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OLD BUSINESS:

- Chair Tom thanked everyone who helped make our BBQ a success. We have a smooth running process and is so grateful to everyone who helps in any way.
- Tim Bille reported on the Dancing in the Park event in Malvern this weekend. He gave away a lot of signs and had lots of people stop at the booth. He even collected a few donations from them.
- Chair Tom wanted to publicly thank Paula Puch for being a fantastic Secretary and making him look so good by putting his name on the letter to the editor where he received several calls about how good it was!

NEW BUSINESS:

- Advertising on the scorecards at Carroll Meadows Golf Course was discussed. Dave Devey **motioned** to spend upto \$495 for 18 months of advertising. Seconded by Ron Mayle. All were in favor.
- Chair Tom reported on mailings of sample ballots by ODP. First mailing; no cost and gets sent to those who voted by mail or is newly registered. Second mailing; \$135 and gets sent to everyone who voted early or in-person. It was agreed that it was a good use of money with a **motion** by Dave Devey and seconded by Tim Bille. Motion passed.
- Sarah Dyck drafted a sample letter detailing the upcoming election items and their importance. After much discussion, it was agreed to spend up to \$1800 for mailing supplies and postage. Target for the letter: Democrat households and non-partisan people in everyone's precinct.
- Ray Morgenstern detailed the Mohawk Fall Festival activities this coming weekend and invited all to attend.
- Dan Votaw had campaign materials for everyone to distribute.
- Janice Marciniak reported that the Columbiana County Democrat Women's Caucus is hosting Amy Acton on September 14. Tickets are still available.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

The next meeting falls on "Columbus Day". Chair Tom will see if the library is available that day or if October 7th is available.

ADJOURNMENT: 1ST: Dave Devey 2nd: Mary Ann Bryan

NEXT MEETING: (TOM CHECKED!) MONDAY, October 14 TH 2024 at 6 pm at the Carroll County District Library/2nd St. NO Subcommittee meets!

Minutes respectively taken by Valerie Gardner and submitted by Paula Puch, CCDP Secretary.