



Executive and Central Committee Meeting July 19, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7:48 pm by Chair Peg Watkins, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approximately 55 persons in attendance.

Peg shared information from the recent ODP Summit that she attended along with David Carpenter, Julie Houston, and Barbara Berry. ODP will be providing us with slate cards that will include all statewide and local candidates, but the emphasis at this time is on the O'Connor campaign. The main message from the party is that we stress People First. Peg mentioned that Spencer was on one of the panels and did an amazing job encouraging everyone to take part in campaigning. Delaware County participation has been very impressive and we need to build the momentum for August 7th and on through November.

She gave kudos to the Big Walnut region and the Kabler family for their barn rally. Danny O'Connor, and several local candidates attended as well as many current Party members and new people from the Big Walnut region.

David Carpenter mentioned that at the Big Walnut function, a question was asked about how to decide on donating to candidates and campaigns and what is the present urgency. David stated that the present urgency is the O'Connor campaign and any contributions to support that are very important. David also shared that the Party provides training and services to the campaigns, and that the local, state and national Parties all need to raise money as well as do all of the candidates. It is important for Democrats to financially support all of these.

Treasurer's Report was presented by John Schmarr and no questions/ comments stated. Greg Hankins moved accept it as stated and Ed Helvey seconded.

Minutes from last month meeting were posted on line and Carol Young moved to accept as posted and Lee Lybarger seconded.

Julie advised on the fund raiser status. She has a string trio to entertain before dinner and so far there are at least 10 silent auction items. Main Speaker will be Steve Dettlebach, candidate for Ohio Attorney General. Our local candidates will also speak. Tickets are still available online and checks may be sent to John Schmarr. Last count is needed by tomorrow noon.

Linda Gaffey has provided Peg with updates on membership, and Peg will follow up.



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Ed Helvey is the Delaware County Coordinator for the Cordray campaign and said activity will pick up on Aug 8th – he will be meeting with the mayor of Cleveland and hopes we will support in any way possible.

Annie Ellison and Fred Young brought a video from Danny O'Connor in which he thanked everyone for all their efforts all across the counties and asked us to donate, knock on doors, and step up to win this thing. Annie is tracking and Danny is leading in some counties but Delaware is critical. GOTV will have multiple staging locations in Delaware County and canvassing will be increased. Mindy asked for help with food or shelter for visiting canvassers.

Louise Valentine (candidate for OH Senate 19) spoke briefly and invited everyone to a fundraiser at the home of Joe & Linda Diamond on Aug 9th. Lt Governor candidate Betty Sutton is scheduled to speak. Louise's race is presently a 'toss up' and very winnable; Louise asks for your support and help.

Cory Hoffman running for 67th Ohio House district spoke for support of Danny and said let's lift this thing up!

Indu – candidate for County Auditor stressed that we just need to canvas and forge forward.

Brian Jaffe said the new communications platform should be finalized in August and our main focus is on improving and maintaining the data base. He asked for anyone with graphic design experience to reach him. He also noted there is a private Facebook page available for Central Committee members only.

Donna hoped the power point pictures she was able to provide before the meeting began were enjoyed. There were pictures of parades, phone banks, post card sessions and more. She reminded that the office is open Monday-Friday from 11-5pm. and there will be folks there working on campaigns also. She asked for help from anyone that might be tech savvy. There will be no farm market this week and the First Fridays are going very well.

Peg sent letters to some persons regarding the fund raiser and encouraged everybody to invite friends and reach out to other areas. She noted that the early vote center is open and encouraged everyone to vote early or have a plan to vote on August 7.

Cathy Kulik said there will be a fund raiser for Danny at the Van Meter residence in Powell and that Westerville region has canvases every Monday. Contact her to join.

John Rybka from the Board of Elections informed the group about openings for Democratic Poll Workers on August 7. Carol Young also noted that she could use help at the Board of Elections that evening. These are paid positions.



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No other business remained.

Mindy Hedges moved to dismiss, Spencer seconded to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Berry, Secretary