

The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 21, 2018, at Democratic HQ, 12 ½ N. Sandusky Street, Delaware, Ohio, at 7:30 p.m. The biennial Reorganization meeting will take place on Thursday, June 7, 2018, at the Willis Educational Center, 74 W. William Street, Delaware, Ohio, to swear in elected Central Committee members and elect officers.

**DELAWARE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
EXECUTIVE AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 15, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Helvey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Hartman.

Roll call was made with a sign-in sheet. Those present were: Carol Young, John Schmarr, Julie Houston, Linda Diamond, Joe Diamond, Yvette Hanselmann, Allison DeLooze, Tanya Bruce, Peg Watkins, Ed Helvey, Roo Dirrig, Heather Karr, Lee Lybarger, David Carpenter, Brian Jaffe, Valerie Shaffer, Lisa Perez, Aushad Ahamed, Colleen Huckabee, Margo Bartlett, Marianne Gabel, Jim Nugent, John Hartman, Anthony Saadey, Barbara Berry, Nancy Cline, Mary Kay Rohrkemper, Carol Hamilton, Ted Evans, Therese Spaulding, Judith Carpenter, Donna Sinclair, Linda Gaffey, Emma Mirles, Mary Alice Dillman, Aileen Wagner, Jacqueline Patton, Aini Duis (sp?)

A motion was made to accept the Secretary's report by Lee and seconded by Linda G. Motion carried.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report by Coe and seconded by Julie. Motion carried. A motion was made to accept the 2018 budget report by Julie and seconded by Brian. Motion carried.

Chair's reports: A memorial service for Margaret Jones will be held at Sara Moore home dining room on Thursday, March 22nd. Ed talked about Margaret's contributions to the party. Jim Nugent suggested we get a plaque dedicating the HQ space to Margaret.

A Statewide Candidate Town Hall was held in Marysville on Feb. 25th. All Gubernatorial Democratic candidates attended and there was a good turnout.

Julie reported that the next fundraiser will be a Catch a Rising Star to be held Tuesday, July 24th, at Scioto Reserve Country Club in Powell. Featured speaker will be Steve Dettelbach, who is running for Ohio Attorney General. Time is 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. and tickets are \$50 each.

The Ohio Legacy Dinner will be held Friday, April 13th at the Hyatt Regency downtown, at 7:00 p.m. We have 2 tables booked with 5 seats left if anyone would like a ticket. The featured speaker will be former Attorney General Eric Holder, who will discuss the gerrymandering issue. Regular tickets are \$150, discounted through the party at \$125.

Please check the League of Women Voters website for upcoming debates and other events.

A discussion was held about the Special Primary for the 12th Congressional race. There will be 2 primaries held simultaneously. The first race is marked on the ballot as Special Congressional Primary Election and will contain the list of candidates who filed to run for the unexpired term ending (UTE) 1-3-2019. Following is the heading for the Primary Election. The list of candidates running for the 12th Congressional race is not exactly the same as the previous list. They are running for the full two-year term beginning 1-3-2019. There is only one ballot.

Jackie Patton, who is running for the 12th Congressional seat, spoke about her background as a nurse from Columbus. She is from a Gold Star family and would make taking care of vets a priority. She is also interesting in health care and education reform, and wants to bring back civility in political discourse.

John Russell will have folks knocking on doors on March 17th, meeting up at 272 W. Heffner Street and leaving from there. Joe and Linda Diamond are having an open house for John on April 25th.

Linda G. reported that memberships stand at 109, down from the same time last year, but she just sent out a mailing again to remind folks.

Peg reported that she wants to get women's candidates' names out through Habitat for Humanity. Rand needs more Democratic poll workers for the May election.

Julie spoke about merging membership and fund raising by having people sign up for monthly donations (like NPR). The website is capable of doing this now.

Brian spoke about website updates, such as a memorial page for Margaret, early voting, some added design updates, a local candidates' page with photos, and recurring donations. Documents are in the Member's area, but you must sign in to use this page. The website is www.ohiodeladems.org.

Allison said the Young Dems would have a charter meeting and election of officers on March 21 at 7:00 p.m., and she would like to have as many people present as possible.

Donna reported that on March 22nd there will be a postcard writing meeting at the Oak and Brazen at 6:30 p.m. She would like to have a voter registration to coincide with April First Friday, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. The First Friday in May will be May 4th, and she is planning a memorial for the Kent State anniversary.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline F. Young, Secretary