The Lakewood Democratic Club

Minutes of Regular Meeting held on August 31, 2017

Woman’s Club Pavilion at Lakewood Park

Grant W. MacKay, President

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President MacKay. Following the Pledge of Allegiance the officers were introduced individually, which served as a Roll Call. Second Vice-President Erik F. Meinhardt was absent and excused due to illness. Present were President, Grant W. MacKay; First Vice-President, Kristine Pagsuyoin; Treasurer, Maureen Dostal; and Secretary, Chuck Shaughnessy. The President chaired the Meeting. The Secretary took minutes.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA for today, September 28, 2017 (voice vote)

APPROVAL of the previous MINUTES of the meeting held on August 31, 2017

EXECUTIVE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elected officials, candidates and new members were announced.

The Club e-newsletter will launch in September. Check out the new Dem Club website.

A picnic was announced to be held on September 23th 12 noon to 2 p.m. at Lakewood Park Kiwanis Pavilion.

Jay Ketchaver gave a presentation on Indivisible CLE. They use the Tea Party method of lobbying congressional members and staff directly. There are 5,800 Indivisible groups in the country presently. They are against Trump, but also stand for things. Senator Portman would not attend a town hall so they brought a cardboard cutout of him and held the town hall meeting in his absence, presenting their issues. 200 attended.

Sara Ridley gave a presentation on Action Together Lakewood Area. They are part of the Ohio group, but also do things on their own. Their methods are taking action, educating citizens, and making connections with people of influence. They did a “No Hate in Lakewood” event at Lakewood Town Center. Check out their Facebook page.

Josh Gonzalez of our Political Action Committee introduced a dramatic yard sign, designed by Matt Kuhns, fashioned on the “Black Lives Matter” and similar signs. It can be ordered at the Club website for $18.

Josh asked for selfies to be taken when members are at demonstrations. They can be published to encourage others. Upcoming concerns are the demilitarization of police forces. A word to all – Passion is all you need – do something.

The next book for the Club Book Club is Don’t Think of an Elephant

April Stoltz announce an upcoming meeting of the Tea Time for Peace which has had successful get-togethers to get to know people of other faiths, notably Moslems, who have been mistreated increasingly around the country.

Sam O’Leary, Council President said the 3rd Ten-Year Charter of the City of Lakewood was completed a couple of years ago and will be on the November ballot. It has some new provisions, but mainly efficiencies. It can be viewed on the onelakewood.gov website and the City will be sending copies to residents in late September.

Karolyn Isenhart, Lakewood City Leader of the County Democratic Party reported the results of recent endorsements. For Lakewood City Council At-Large the three endorsed candidates are Tom Bullock, Cindy Marx, and Ryan Nowlin. For Lakewood City School Board Member, the two endorsed candidates are Ed Favre and Betsy Bergen Shaughnessy. The Lakewood Charter Amendment, Issue 3, was endorsed. The newly-elected Chair of the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party is Shontel Brown, a County Council member.

Carol Ward was announced, again, as the person who contacts those without e-mail. She is also the Sunshine Chair and should be contacted about illnesses or deaths of members or their loved ones. So it’s important to save her number, which is 216 226-6739.

The after-meeting will take place at O’Toole’s on Detroit and Elbur, arranged by Charles Milsaps, Hospitality Chair.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING The next regular meeting of the Lakewood Democratic Club will take place at the Woman’s Club Pavilion at Lakewood Park on Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Program begins at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – moved, seconded, adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Chuck Shaughnessy, Secretary on Sept. 28, 2017.

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Chairman Approval: sign date