

## Portage County Democratic Central / Executive Committee

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Meeting Minutes September 13, 2012 5:15 PM-5:54 PM  
Italian American Society  
644 S. Chestnut Street  
Ravenna, Oh 44266

Members attending: 42  
Guests: 4

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM by Chairman Stephens with 42 members attending. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chris Mallin.

### Minutes Approval

A motion to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2012 was made by Cindy Greene and seconded by Frank Hairston. The Minutes were approved without discussion.

### Treasurer's Report - Hank Gibson

#### **General Account**

Balance on hand as of March 30, 2012	\$ 5,238.96
Income	\$27,750.00
Total	<u>\$32,988.96</u>
Expenditures	\$ 7,801.59
<b>Balance as of August 31, 2012</b>	<b>\$25,187.37</b>

#### **Restricted Account**

Balance as of March 30, 2012	\$ 1,945.16
Income	\$ 8,312.86
Total Income	<u>\$10,258.02</u>
Expenditures	\$ 3,027.88
<b>Balance as of August 31, 2012</b>	<b>\$ 7,230.14</b>

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Shirley Grund, second by Bruce Ribelin. The acceptance vote was unanimous.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Report on ODP Assessments** – The Portage County Party paid \$4,310.00 in assessments to the State Party. Regional Director for ODP has 7 counties and Sarah is working with Danny at headquarters Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM -9:00 PM phone bank Friday and Saturday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

B. **Report on Chair Circle**- Raised \$23,000 in 2009; \$23,000 in 2010, \$22,000 in 2011 and this year \$35,000. Up to \$20,000.00 will go to sample ballots and a mailer county wide. We are not permitted to place federal candidates on our sample ballots. The coordinated campaign all but federal will be mailing a nice card with pictures of the contested candidates to all democrats at no expense to the candidates.

C. **Report of Audit Committee** – Frank Hairston, Cindy Greene and Monica Kaley; Frank reported they audited the general account and the restricted account was audited by the Auditor of State for 2011. Both accounts balanced. The members accepted the Audit Committee Report.

D. **Report of Finance Committee** – Bob “Buzz” Davis, Bruce Ribelin and Robin Turner reviewed the 2012 proposed Party budget. Davis moved and Ribelin seconded a Motion to approve the proposed budget. The Motion pass unanimously.

E. **Report of Summer Picnic** - The parties’ share of the 50/50 raffle was donated to the Randolph, Atwater, and Suffield food shelf. Left over unopened food from the picnic went to the Skeels Community Center for their meal program.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Acceptance of resignation as Committee Persons:

Norma Welling                      Ravenna Township G

Norma was thanked for the work she performed as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair. A motion to accept her resignation was made by Vince Coia and second by Audrey Kessler – passed unanimously.

Application for appointment as Committee Persons:

Susan Suffion                      Aurora 3- B  
Misty Dulaney                      Rootstown Township C

A motion to accept the appointments was made by Frank Hairston, second by Vince Coia. The acceptance vote was unanimous.

If anyone needs Obama/Biden signs see Sue Suffion at the Ravenna office.

John Mandell is the coordinator for Kent office and on the KSU campus is Chris Sierra, a 4<sup>th</sup> office will be opening in Streetsboro.

### **Report on National Convention & DNC – State Representative, Kathleen Clyde**

Went to her first convention and said it was an amazing event. Bill Clinton gave an amazing speech as did President Obama. Gov. Strickland gave a powerful message on how Obama helped Ohio by bailing out the auto industry. She will also be a delegate at the next convention.

Frank Hairston stated it was an honor that Mississippi let Ohio make the nomination for Obama as President.

Brad Cromes – All challenges on voter registration were rejected in our county. Voter Registration ends October 9<sup>th</sup>. Early voting starts October 2<sup>nd</sup>, please encourage it. Do NOT request an absentee ballot unless you are definitely going to vote it, or you will be forced to vote provisional.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Coordinated Campaign Pot Luck Dinner – September 18, 2012, at 6:00 PM Italian American Society to talk about how we can help everyone on the ticket get elected. Bring a covered dish

Fankhauser for Clerk fundraiser – September 20, 2012. Ravenna Elks, 4:30 – 7:30 PM.

Maureen Frederick to have a fund raiser soon.

Kathleen Chandler will be having a fund raiser

Justice Yvette Brown fundraiser – October 12, 2012, 4:30 – 6:00 PM, location to be announced, and prior to her speaking at the Jefferson Jackson dinner.

Jefferson Jackson Dinner by Federated Democratic Women – October 12, 2012, 6:00 PM at the American Legion. The cost is \$50.00 per patron and \$35.00 per guests. The guest speaker is Justice Yvette Brown, candidate for the Ohio Supreme Court.

Melissa Long- Kent League of Women Voters Candidates Round Table, this Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>, at Kent Roosevelt High School from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Frank Hairston announced on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the NAACP will be hosting its annual Freedom Fund dinner at KSU at 5:30 PM dinner. You may place full page ads and they are creating a 50 year booklet.

Kathleen Clyde fund raiser October 4<sup>th</sup>, location to be announced.

Election night here and coordinated by Linda Marcial.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 PM on a motion by Bob Davis.