The Lakewood Democratic Club

Minutes of Regular Meeting held on January 25, 2018

Woman’s Club Pavilion at Lakewood Park

Grant W. MacKay, President

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President MacKay. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call: Present were President Grant W. MacKay; First Vice-President Kristine Pagsuyoin; Second Vice-President Erik F. Meinhardt; Treasurer Maureen Dostal; Secretary Chuck Shaughnessy was absent due to illness. The President chaired the Meeting. Committee Co-Chair Matt Kuhns consented to take notes. His notes are incorporated herein.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA for today, Feb. 22, 2018 (approved by voice vote)

APPROVAL of the previous MINUTES of the meeting held on Jan. 25, 2018

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT

TREASURER’S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE AGENDA

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

ADJOURNMENT – moved, seconded, adjourned at 8:23 pm.

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**Lakewood Democratic Club meeting**

**January 25, 2018**

(Approximately 85 people attending)

Presentation of new president’s gavel to Grant Mackay, by Kristine Pagsuyoin

President Grant Mackay called the meeting to order

**Welcome**

Mark Schneider speaks briefly about the late Jimmy Goggin and requests a moment of silence

Recognition of

* elected officials
* candidates
* new members (approx. six?)

**Announcements**

Pagsuyoin presents certificates and custom name badges to Volunteer Hall of Fame inductees Jay Ketchaver (absent to attend Indivisible meeting) and Matt Kuhns

* past volunteers of the year invited to contact Kristine for new recognition

Carol Ward explains Sunshine Committee

County Council member Dale Miller: council has voted to place Health and Human Services levy renewal on May 8 ballot, requests your vote in support

Woman: Fundraiser for Sherrod Brown, 10:30 a.m. March 16, 310 Laborers Hall, 3250 Euclid

Richard Vodray: Northeast Ohio Young Black Democrats meeting this Saturday

**Monthly Program** (slightly delayed until arrival of speaker)

Pagsuyoin introduces state Senator Joe Schiavoni

Schiavoni makes opening remarks about Youngstown and his start in politics, fighting to bring accountability to charter schools and ECOT. Describes his proposals to offer college graduates debt relief if they purchase a home in Ohio, and to close the LLC loophole.

Question and answer segment

* Gerrymandering: Schiavoni explains that statehouse Republicans have backed off a bad “reform” proposal, for now
* Right to work: Schiavoni says a group in the House proposes this each session, it is unlikely to get anywhere for now, but chipping away at labor in small ways (such as proposal to reduce opportunity for workers’ comp claims to one year) continues
* Running mate: has named Stephanie Dodd of state board of education
* What would you do as governor, with a GOP legislature: mentions broadband bill, and clean water bill, which have GOP co-sponsors; adds that Democrats do need to win back a few seats so that Republicans cannot override a governor’s veto
* Democrats who voted for Trump: Says he knows and talks to them, asserts that younger voters are not committed to a party right now
* Net neutrality: Says he supports a state measure. Rep. Nickie Antonio says the legislature took up a resolution
* Ohio losing young people: Says he understands this very personally
* What about southwestern Ohio: Says he spends lots of time there, many young people there are receptive
* Path to success in the primary: expects about 1 million total votes, counts on 150,000 from his home region, anticipates another 200,000 statewide will be enough. Acknowledges that his campaign is not the best-funded, says he spends on grassroots campaigning, electronic media; likely won’t be able to advertise much on television
* Republicans’ gubernatorial approach: Expects DeWine to be nominee. Says his message won’t change from primary to general: need for someone new, in-touch, hard-working. Expects he would mainly be hit for inexperience.
* Criminal justice: promote rehabilitation first, always
* Marijuana and mental health: Sponsored the medical marijuana bill that passed, regards it as a good first step, believes Ohio can move toward recreational over time and will support that if revenue is invested in e.g. K-12 education

**Executive Committee reports**

President Mackay mentions that he has met with Bylaws Committee chair Donna Kolis, and anticipates convening the committee within 1-2 months

First VP Pagsuyoin:

* Invites people to continue conversation with Schiavoni in lobby during committee reports.
* Announces that February meeting will feature judicial candidates.

Second VP Erik Meinhardt: no report.

Treasurer Maureen Dostal:

* Expenses for last year 3,000-something
  + Pavilion rental is $100 each meeting
  + Holiday party cost $1,600, though also generated $1,553 from sponsorships and donations
* Income is mostly dues and summer supper
* $3,401.65 year-end balance

Secretary Chuck Shaugnessy absent due to illness

**Committee reports**

Pagsuyoin encourages everyone to be involved in committees

Community service: new chair Barbara Hueter invites people to sign up

Communications: Kuhns explains, invites submissions for newsletter & web site

Membership: Maureen Dostal explains new-member initiative

* looking for people to assist new members in getting acclimated & involved
* plan quarterly, casual events for new members (two over coffee, two at a bar)
* see Dostal or committee chair Ron Petrie to volunteer

Political Activism: Josh Gonzales

* introduces yard signs
* encourages people to sign and circulate Fair Districts petitions
* invites people to join committee

Book Club: Andree Boyer mentions that meeting is next Monday at Root Café to discuss *Homo Deus*

Hospitality: Charles Milsaps reminds everyone that all are welcome to socialize at Jammy Buggars after meeting

Fundraising: Jesse Schmidt and Mark Schneider review basics of club income

Bylaws: Kolis notes that committee awaits executive committee guidance

**News**

State legislators were all gone by this point

City

* Council member Tom Bullock
  + Lakewood receiving NOPEC grant, hopes to fund EV charging stations (Beer Engine, City Hall, other sites), conversion of outdoor lighting to LEDs
  + Recaps bus trip in November with others from Lakewood and area to EPA hearing in West Virginia on proposed repeal of Clean Power Plan, and EPA has since announced more hearings
  + Invites people to State of the Union event at Market Garden Brewing
* Council member Meghan George: I will chair rules and ordinances committee

School board members were gone by this point

County Party, Karoly Isenhart: County executive committee met on Saturday, voted on endorsements, endorsements included Sweeney, Bullock, Budisch (unopposed) and Moore

State Party, Isenhart: Event with Senators Sherrod Brown and Cory Booker on February 19, location TBA

Mackay reminds attendees that Democratic Club will not endorse in 2018, says questions can be directed to him

Raffle, $218 raised from ticket sales at this meeting Meeting adjourned 8:23 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Chuck Shaughnessy, Secretary on Feb. 22, 2018, largely consisting of notes taken by Matt Kuhns on Jan. 25, 2018.

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Chairman Approval: sign date

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