The Lakewood Democratic Club

Minutes of Regular Meeting held on Nov. 30, 2017

Woman’s Club Pavilion at Lakewood Park

Grant W. MacKay, President

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President MacKay. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, officer attendance was noted, as follows. Present were President, Grant W. MacKay; First Vice-President, Kristine Pagsuyoin; Second Vice-President, Erik F. Meinhardt; Treasurer, Maureen Dostal; Secretary, Chuck Shaughnessy. The President chaired the Meeting. The Secretary took minutes.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA for today, Nov. 30, 2017 (approved by voice vote).

APPROVAL of the previous MINUTES of the meeting held on Oct, 26, 2017.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – No Report.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT – The guest speaker for the January 25th meeting will be Ohio state Senator Joe Schiavoni, a candidate for the Democratic Party’s nominee for governor in 2018. We hope to have other candidates as guest speakers in upcoming months. January is membership renewal month. Bring a friend or two to join. Or renew online.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT – RSVP online for the Holiday Party. Free for members, $10 for guests. $10 suggested donation. The “No Human is Illegal, etc.“ yard signs designed by Communication Committee Co-Chair Matt Kuhns are available online.

TREASURER’S REPORT – No financial report. The Club will be developing a plan to welcome new members, likely involving introductions, holding social gatherings such as weekend morning coffees, and distributing documents and general information about Club activities.

MONTHLY PROGRAM - The monthly program was “Civics and Civil Liberties”, organized by Erik Meinhart, 2nd Vice-President and Josh Gonzalez, Political Action Chairperson. Presentations were made by Larry Keller, PhD, JD; and Frank Kunsler, PhD. Frank is a consultant to ACLU. Dr. Keller is a specialist in public administration law. Drs. Keller and Kunsler both teach graduate courses and consult privately. Their presentations were excellent. A summary will be published separately by the undersigned.

Cindy Marx pledged to continue her work for the betterment of our community, despite not being re-elected to City Council At-Large. Maureen Dostal thanked Cindy for her exemplary service and noted her passion, inclusiveness, civility, and dedication, among other fine qualities. Applause turned into a standing ovation from the Club members and the dozen or more judicial candidates present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Volunteer of the Year nominations can be made online on the Club website, and must be in by Dec. 11th. The Dem Club Book Club book for December and January is Homo Deus. The next meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 4th at the Bottlehouse. (Or on Tuesday, Dec. 5th if they begin closing on Mondays, as has been rumored.) Social gathering after the meeting at Jammy Buggars.

Tickets for the Holiday Party on Dec. 14th can be purchased online, lakewooddemocrats.com.

New membership blanks can be found on the website.

Articles, announcements, etc. for our Blue Bulletin Newsletter should be submitted by the 20th of each calendar month. Email Grant MacKay, President.

NEWS FROM THE STATEHOUSE – Sen, Skindell: Operating budget and capital budget upcoming. Keep an eye on gun rights and women’s rights legislation.

NEWS FROM STATE PARTY – Mark Schneider: Current concerns are redistricting/gerrymandering and down-ballot voting. Major work will be on a screening committee, vetting potential Democratic gubernatorial candidates.

NEWS FROM COUNTY PARTY – Lakewood City Leader Karolyn Isenhart announced the county party holiday party and upcoming endorsement meetings.

FUTURE AGENDA – The Jan. 25, 2018 meeting is membership month. The guest speaker will be Ohio state Senator Joe Schiavoni.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING – Jan. 25, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT – moved, seconded, adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Chuck Shaughnessy, Secretary, on or before Jan. 25, 2018.

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Chairman Approval: sign date

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