Lakewood Democrats Board Meeting

* Grant called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
* Pledge of allegiance.
* Elected officials in attendance: Skindell, Antonio, Bullock,
* A representative for Andrea Nelson Moore for Court of Common Pleas spoke to her candidacy
* Steve Norris spoke running for 1G Central Committee
* Shontel Lewis running with Bill O’Neill was recognized
* 2 representatives supporting Dennis Kucinich spoke on his behalf
* NIckie Antonio spoke on her own behalf for her candidacy for Senate District 23
* Mike Skindell spoke on his own behalf
* Tom Bullock spoke on his own behalf
* Grant looking for 3-5 people to serve on nomination cmte for Dem of the Year; forms were distributed to take nominations
* Jay Ketchaver spoke on behalf of Issue 1
* Grant announced that Jay Ketchaver was appointed co-chair of political activism
* Grant introduced candidate for Governor of Ohio Bill O’Neill
* Bill O’Neill spoke to the club about his candidacy beginning at 7:17pm until 7:33pm
* Grant opened the floor to questions at 7:33pm
* 10 questions were asked ending at 7:50pm
* Grant opened committee reports
  + President (Grant): PAC issue and bylaws update
* Pause to recognize: Councilman Dan O’Malley, Hon. John Sutula, Karolyn Isenhart, candidate Jennifer O’Malley (Juvenile), candidate Andy Santoli (Common Pleas)
* Getting back to committee reports
  + Kristine not in attendance, she was skipped
  + 2nd VP Erik yielded to Jesse Schmidt for Summer Supper update, he said the venue and date is almost picked
  + 2nd VP Erik updated club about May 15 Book Club meeting about Robert Reich’s The Common Good
  + Treasurer gave update: finances are in good shape with over $4k in the bank; encouraged people to renew; update that we are officially a PAC due to our size and cannot do raffles anymore
  + Grant added to the update and took a few questions from the audience
* Announcements from the community
  + West Shore Corale gave an update about their concert on Sunday, April 29 (Mozart Requiem)
  + Community Service Committee (Barbara Hueter): engaging interest about community service and getting recommendations. Next month: food and personal care drive for the Lakewood Community Service Center.
  + Mike Normile attempted to announce his candidacy for Central Committee but Grant said we aren’t doing that.
  + Update from Statehouse by Mike Skindell: Cliff Rosenberger’s resignation, renewable energy standards for public utilities, nuclear plant, GOP trying to rush through bills before the resignation
  + Lakewood Council update from Tom Bullock: MyLakewood app or call council people to report potholes and graffiti; May 1 at Lakewood Women’s Pavilion: info meeting about Lake Avenue repaving info which will include bike lanes; Lakewood home sales are up and some are going in less than an hour; dog ordinance passed that is breed neutral and nuisance laws updated, leash requirements, $10k liability insurance; Lakewood Hospital redevelopment underway; Lakewood Community Health Foundation ($32m) will be in motion soon
  + No update from school board.
  + Cuyahoga County Party update from Karolyn Isenhart: County Party dinner; Marcy Kaptur event on May 3rd with Congresswoman Jackie Spear; called for unity after May 8 behind the Governor candidate
* Grant called for adjournment at 8:16pm