The Lakewood Democratic Club

Minutes of Regular Meeting held on Sep. 27, 2018

Woman’s Club Pavilion at Lakewood Park

Grant W. MacKay, President

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President MacKay. Following the Pledge of Allegiance was Roll Call with First Vice-President, Kristine Pagsuyoin absent. Present were President, Grant W. MacKay; 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, Sep. 27, 2018 (approved by voice vote at Exec. Comm. Mtg.)

APPROVAL of the previous MINUTES of the meeting held on Aug. 30, 2018.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – The primary piece of business was identified as considering changes to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Lakewood Democratic Club.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT

TREASURER’S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Cindy Marx was appointed Vice Chair of the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party, per City Leader Karolyn Isenhardt.

MAIN EVENT – Members of the Bylaws Committee briefly described their activities over the past several months in preparation of presenting proposed changes to the Bylaws. Chairperson Donna Kolis reported they held 13 meetings lasting from one to three hours each. Andy Meyer served as Co-chair. Other members were Steve Bennett, Mark Schneider, Gabriel Jackson, Sam O’Leary, and Courtney Noster. Club officers were welcomed as ex-officio members.

Attorney Michael O’Shea was present as volunteer parliamentarian. Steve Bennet served as M.C.

It was explained by committee members that there were a number of proposed changes, but they would not be discussed individually. The Bylaws require a ten day notice of the proposed changes and that was satisfied by assuring a 25-day notice to allow members time to compare the current and proposed new versions.

Steve Bennet made a motion to revise the Bylaws, which was seconded. A discussion followed and various Bylaws committee members answered questions and gave explanations. Eventually, discussion ended and a Question motion was made by Mark Schneider and seconded. Voting was by secret ballot. The final count was 31 for the amended Bylaws as presented and 1 vote against. Counters were Greg Mahoney and Jason Shachner. Chuck Shaughnessy observed and verified the count. President Grant Mackay accepted and confirmed the results that the new version of Bylaws, as presented by the Bylaws Committee, was approved by the voting body and would become effective at the end of the meeting, which occurred at 7:45 p.m. on Sep. 27, 2018.

Steve Bennett pointed out that any grammatical errors found in the approved version of the Bylaws can be corrected through “friendly amendment” by notifying Erik Meinhardt. Steve also pointed out that further amendments to the Bylaws can be made at any time by any voting member.

FUTURE AGENDA – Nomination of Club Officers in October, Election in November.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING – Oct. 25, 2018

ADJOURNMENT – moved, seconded, adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Chuck Shaughnessy, Secretary on Sept. 28, 2018.

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Chairman Approval: sign date

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