**Lakewood Democratic Club Meeting Minutes**

**November 19, 2020**

* Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.
* Wait to January to approve meeting minutes
* Welcome elected officials
  + Dale Miller – County Council
  + Magistrate Vodrey
  + Bettsy Shaughnessy – School Board
  + Jason Shachner – Lakewood City Council
  + Colleen Reali – Judge Elect
  + Sarah Kepple – Lakewood City Council
  + Rick Bell – Judge Elect
  + Tom Bullock – Lakewood City Council
  + Karolyn Isenhart – Democratic City Leader
  + Lisa Forbes – Judge Elect
  + Judge Gall
  + Chris Glassburn – North Olmsted City Council
* Introduction of each candidate for Lakewood Dems Board
  + Erik Meinhardt - President
  + Maureen Dostal – 1st Vice President
  + Mark Schneider – 2nd Vice President
  + Catie Mahon – Treasurer
  + Nicole Parke – Secretary
    - William Vodrey – made a motion to elect all candidates
    - Sarah Kepple – seconded the motion
* Mark Schneider thanked outgoing Board members – Cindy Strebig (Treasurer) and Matt Kuhns (Secretary) for their hard work.
* Erik reviewed Election Results
  + Biden/Harris won by over 6 million votes
  + Democrats keep control of the House although we lost some seats
  + Waiting for Georgia run-off to determine control of the Senate
  + Trump won Ohio by 8 points although Cuyahoga was overwhelmingly for Biden
  + Marcy Kaptur won by a large margin
  + Wasn’t able to beat Jordan or Gonzalez
  + Jennifer Brunner won Ohio Supreme Court
  + Unfortunately, John O’Donnell was not successful in his run for Ohio Supreme Court
  + Lost one State Senate seat – O’Brian
  + State House – 64 Republicans and 34 Dems
  + Mike Skindell won his State Rep seat by an overwhelming margin
  + Monique Smith won her race for State Rep – flipped the seat
  + Voter Turnout in Cuyahoga County was almost 71%
  + 66.36% of the vote for Biden in Cuyahoga County
  + Almost 74% of voters in Lakewood voted for Biden
  + Merle Johnson won State School Board
  + All Dems won Cuyahoga Democratic contested Judge positions
* Erik opened the discussion for the attendees to talk about their thoughts about the election – what did we do well? How should we improve?
* Newer members introduced themselves
* No new news from President Meinhardt
* 1st Vice President - Maureen asked for people to email Erik or her with ideas for future meeting topics/speakers
* Mark Schneider – thanked Brian Taubmann and Jesse Schmidt for their assistance with fundraising activities
* Treasurer Report - Bank account balance - $10,
* Secretary Report – Matt Kuhns thanked everyone and wished the new Board well
* Maureen thanked all the Committee Chairs – Jay Ketchaver (Political Activism), Carol Lindley (Membership Chair), Andree Boyer (Book Club Leader), Charles Milsaps (Hospitality Chair)
* Erik thanked Emily Christescu and Teresa Schleicher
* Reports
  + County Council Report – Dale Miller
* County has CARES money to distribute. Looking for recommendations from the cities as to where they can use the money.
* Dan Brady is retiring from County Council at the end of this year
* Lakewood City Council – Sarah Kepple
  + The City Budget has been determined. Can be accessed online
  + Sarah introduced Tree Canopy ordinance
  + City must inform residents in advance about trees being removed or planted (with the exception of emergencies).
  + Jason Shachner informed us of the Bee Ordinance which has been referred to Committee – allows residents to keep bee hives on their property
  + Jason also informed us of the Painted Masonry Ordinance – any time someone wants to paint unaltered masonry must have it reviewed by the Architectural Review Board
* Lakewood School Board – Betsy Shaughnessy
  + The School Board recognizes that some students do not do well trying to learn at home. Taking that into consideration.
* Democratic City Leader
  + Will keep everyone informed about the efforts to help the two Democratic Senate candidates in Georgia
* Open Discussion
  + Sara Fagnilli mentioned that people are in need and don’t forget organizations like the Lakewood Service Center
  + Karolyn Isenhart mentioned that the Club could make a donation to Lakewood Service Center in lieu of the Holiday Party
* Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m
  + Motion made by Betsy Shaughnessy
  + Seconded by Chuck Shaughnessy