**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