



Portage County Young Democrats

**Voting Membership Meeting
September 15, 2021**

I. Call To Order: 6:05 PM

II. Roll Call:

Castle: Present
Clevenger-Morris: Present
Cola: Present
Errera: Present
Narzisi: Present

III. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Approve the agenda.
MOVED: Cola
SECOND: Castle
MOTION: 5-0-0

IV. Officer Reports

President:

The second wave of our endorsement process closed at 4:00 PM today. Those candidates will now move on to our Campaigns Committee for screening. I've been working with the Federated Democratic Women and our partner organizations on a number of projects that we will touch on later this evening. We've announced our scheduled Days of Action to support our endorsed candidates (Aurora / Streetsboro / Kent / Ravenna).

Treasurer:

Approval of Treasurer Financial Report (Amended July Report and August)

NOTE: Added an In Kind Contributions to the Original Report

MOTION: Approval of August Report
MOVED: Cola
SECOND: Castle

MOTION: 4-0-1

PCYD Local PAC - BOE Request / Termination

Remainder of the Year

Looking to raise additional \$600

(Candidate support, Digital Plan & Member renewals)

Looking at spending \$2,250

(Bulk on candidate support, technology/operational, community support)

Overview on Annual Operating Budget (2021)

2021 - Expected \$5,069 // Actual - \$5,697

Current Cash on Hand is \$2,963.64

Vice Chair of Recruitment: *(Vacant)*

Vice Chair of Communications:

Finalized and uploaded meeting minutes from August 18 General Membership meeting. Available for review and approval.

Will reupload previous minutes by taking out those that were not in attendance.

Currently working to complete 100 postcards in our Progressive Voter Turnout OH Senate Swing campaign.

About to begin work on outstanding appendices, for review at the October meeting.

Assisted in compiling address data for the bulk of potential wave two candidates.

Sergeant At Arms: No Report

V. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Approve the Minutes from the August 18, 2021 Voting Membership Meeting.

MOVED: Errera

SECOND: Cola

MOTION: 5-0-0

MOTION: Amend all Minutes (including August 18th Minutes) online to take out those that were not in attendance

MOVED: Narzisi

SECOND: Cola

MOTION: 4-0-1

VI. Committee Reports

1. Chapter Building Committee

In response to a recent surge in COVID-19 cases here in Portage County, and across Ohio, we're re-evaluating our recruitment efforts for the remainder of the year.

The Executive Committee will schedule a meeting in the coming weeks to discuss our ongoing recruitment efforts, and how to best approach recruitment moving forward.

NOTE: Vice Chair of Chapter Building is currently vacant.

2. Campaigns Committee

The Campaigns Committee formally launched Wave 2 of the endorsement process Wednesday, September 1.

Candidates had until today, September 15 at 4pm, to complete and return their questionnaires.

The organization will consider formal endorsements next Wednesday, September 22nd - following the campaigns committee's forwarding & review of recommendations by the Executive Board.

The following candidates submitted an endorsement questionnaire:

Local Office Candidates

Vince Coia (I) - Ravenna Township Trustee

Chris McCreight - Hiram Village Trustee

James DiPaola - Ravenna Township Trustee

Michael Wisniewski - Ravenna Township Trustee

School Board Candidates

Samuel Duncan - Aurora City School District

Joan Seman (I) - Ravenna City School District

Amy Dolzine - Aurora City School District

Patricia Brett (I) - James A. Garfield Local School District

Since the last meeting, we've been working with our previously endorsed candidates to provide support in a number of areas.

Several candidates have received print/design services.

We're currently recruiting volunteers to walk with Judge Poland in the Ravenna Balloon-A-Fair and KSU Homecoming Parades.

The Campaigns Committee has outlined the following dates for our proposed Days of Action:

October 9 - Aurora

October 16 - Streetsboro

October 23 - Kent

October 30 - Ravenna

The Wednesday before each Day of Action, a phone bank will be held to call into targeted Democratic households.

3. Finance Committee

Annual (2021) Fundraising Solicit Return Breakdown

Mailed 231- Received to Date 30 Returns

Mail Dates : May 10th (HD); May 15th (LD) && May 25th (FDW)

Raised - \$3,120

(\$155 under target amount, for returned donors)

NEW Donors - 43.33%

First Donors, ReSolicit - 23.33%

Recurring Donors - 40%

Check - 86.67%

Credit Return - 3.33%

Stripe - 3.33%

Actblue - 6.67%

Maureen Fredericks Scholarship 2021 Fundraising

- Raised \$920

- Expenditures - \$1,214.72

VII. Special Orders

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

To empower the Executive Board to reallocate funds currently outlined in our budget under Community Engagement to support two organizations/events focusing on food insecurity in Portage County by the end of the year.

(First organization will be Rural Relief Mobile Food Pantry based in Rootstown)

NOTE: Donations can be dropped off at Headquarters!

MOTION: To empower the Executive Board to reallocate funds in Community Engagement to two organizations and events focusing on food insecurity by the end of the year.

MOVED: Narsizi

SECOND: Cola

MOTION: 5-0-0

X. Partner Organization Updates

Federated Democratic Women of Portage County

At their most recent meeting (September 7th), their membership voted to begin the process of amending their Constitution, to allow all persons full membership status (gender equity) in their organization. (Elected Office Not Included)

Christopher is currently serving on their Constitutional Review Committee.

The Vote (Fall) Gala has been cancelled.

Their next meeting will be at the Ravenna Library (Oct. 14)

Portage County Democratic Party

Will be assisting with website design. (New Secretary)

Christopher was appointed Chair of the newly approved Membership Committee.

The new membership handbook for the party was approved at the last meeting.

Christopher will be hosting a Robert's Rules training.

Ravenna Balloon A Fair has been staffed, but anyone else willing to help can staff the booth at their leisure / no sign up required.

The Young Dems will be overseeing / coordinating all candidate actions and supports for the party for the remainder of the cycle.

Headquarters in Ravenna will be open these hours:

210 S Meridian St. Ravenna, OH 44266

MONDAY: 10 AM - 2 PM

WEDNESDAY: 10 AM - 2 PM

FRIDAY: 10 AM - 2 PM

NOTE: Will be open on Monday, September 20 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM for food item donations.

Portage County NAACP

The annual Freedom Fund dinner will take place on Saturday, October 16 at 5:30 PM.

The Young Democrats will likely advertise in the event program to support our endorsed candidates.

Black Elected Democrats

Frank Hairston is in the process of formally launching the Black Elected Democrats of Portage County.

We will be assisting with their filing with the BOE and onboarding of a new treasurer.

We will also assist with coordinating a fundraiser for the group featuring Ohio State Senator (Akron) Dr. Vernon Sykes.

Ohio Young Democrats

The Ohio Young Democrats are in the process of scheduling meetings for the remainder of 2021.

Candidate endorsements for young democrats have launched.

The Ohio Young Democrats Executive Committee has endorsed Justin Bibb in the Cleveland Mayor's race. Will see if we can assist in campaign activities.

XI. Announcements

We're still working on phase 2 of our Postcard Outreach Program! Due to be mailed by October 7! Approx 200 postcards were completed during the YDA Convention. Another 400 postcards have been committed to be completed by our Elected Officers. - This covers all the donated postage.

Due to COVID - we will NOT be hosting a postcard event for this phase. We are working with Portage Dems, FDW Portage, and other partner orgs to secure help with the remaining 400 postcards.

If anyone else can help - Please connect with Chris or Ashton, to coordinate getting postcards & "instructions".

Representative Gail Pavliga - Open Office Hours

Monday, Sept. 27th, 6 - 8:30 PM

Kent Free Library (312 W Main St., Kent, OH 44240)

*Spots are limited, and registration is required

Email rep75@ohiohouse.gov or call 614.466.2004

Save The Date:

Ravenna Balloon-A-Fair

KSU Homecoming Parade

PCYD General Membership Meeting

Adjournment at 6:57pm

MOVED: Cola

SECOND: Castle

MOTION: 5-0-0