



Portage County Young Democrats

**Membership Meeting
November 17, 2021**

I. Call To Order: 6:04 PM

II. Roll Call:

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

III. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Approve the agenda.
MOVED: Errera
SECOND: Castle
MOTION: 4-0-0

IV. Officer Reports

President:

I'm incredibly proud of the work we did through the Campaigns Committee surrounding the November 2 General Election, and look forward to sharing with you a full report when we get to that section.

I attended the PCDP Central Committee meeting on November 10, and later the FDW meeting on November 13. In those meetings I doubled down on our commitment to assisting the Party in filling existing vacancies on the Central Committee, as well as replacing some folks who have been absent for the majority of this cycle.

I'll be working with the Treasurer to re-assess current priorities to begin working with our partners to start staffing and maintaining programming out of the Party headquarters on a regular basis.

Treasurer:

Budget presentation to the President is due by December 1; Will have an update at the December meeting.

Projected Income - 5,019.03 v Actual Income - \$6,059.65
Projected Expenses - \$5,069 v Actual Expenses - \$4,340.74

Remainder of the Year
Looking to raise additional \$150
(Member renewals)
Looking at spending \$600
(Bulk on carry over; Postage, Digital Costs Overhead)

Overview on Annual Operating Budget (2021)
2021 - Expected \$5,069 // Actual - \$6,059

Current COH : \$1,718.91

2022 Annual Dues will remain the same

Dues for 2022 can be paid via cash, check, cashiers check, or credit card - Starting on Wednesday, December 15th. (Our next; and final 2021 General Membership Meeting)

Standing Rules - Section 7.01 Annual Dues
The Executive Committee of the Portage County Young Democrats does hereby establish the following dues structure for Voting Members of the organization:

- I. Level 1: The required annual dues for an individual currently enrolled in a K-12 educational program will be \$5.
- II. Level 2: The required annual dues for an individual currently enrolled full-time in an undergraduate collegiate program or technical program, or active/reserve military members, will be \$10.
- III. Level 3: The required annual dues for all other individuals qualifying for membership will be \$20.

Approval of Treasurer Financial Report

MOTION: Approval of October Report
MOVED: Castle
SECOND: Errera
MOTION: 3-0-1

Vice Chair of Recruitment: *(Vacant)*

Vice Chair of Communications:

No Report Submitted

Sergeant At Arms:

No Report Submitted

V. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Amend the Minutes from the October 20, 2021 Voting Membership Meeting to reflect the Treasurer abstaining from Treasurers Reports.

MOVED: Errera

SECOND: Castle

MOTION: 4-0-0

MOTION: Approve the Minutes from the October 20, 2021 Voting Membership Meeting

MOVED: Errera

SECOND: Castle

MOTION: 4-0-0

VI. Committee Reports

1. Chapter Building Committee

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation / rise in cases, continuing our evaluation regarding our recruitment efforts for the remainder of the year / in to next year.

The Executive Committee will schedule a meeting later this month to discuss our ongoing recruitment efforts, and how to best approach recruitment moving forward.

NOTE: Vice Chair of Chapter Building is currently vacant.

2. 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

Still seeking additional members for appointment to Finance Committee, for ongoing research

3. Campaigns Committee

We're incredibly proud of what we were able to accomplish as a Committee in regard to the November 2 General Election.

We printed close to 10,000 literature pieces supporting candidates for Municipal Court Judge, City Council, and School Board seats across the county, and also supported the Library Levy.

We contacted nearly 5,000 voters by phone.

We connected with over 3,000 voters at their doors.

We greeted thousands of voters on election day through our Poll Greeters.

In total, the Campaigns Committee led the charge in endorsing and supporting 13 candidates across the county, as well as Issue 1.

Of those 13 candidates, all incumbents were re-elected, and one board of education challenger was successful.

As it stands today, it appears that we were able to protect every Democratic incumbent in Portage County, and (pending final recount) passed the Library Levy.

We will be providing ongoing support for all endorsed candidates through the end of the year, and will be meeting later this month to review the current process to make improvements for 2022.

VII. Special Orders

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

X. Partner Organization Updates

Federated Democratic Women of Portage County

At their most recent meeting (November 14th), their membership adopted sweeping changes to their governing documents.

Their Executive Committee met on November 15 to start planning for the 2022 cycle.

Their next meeting for voting members is December 8th at 6 PM.

Portage County Democratic Party

The Party held a meeting of the Central Committee on November 10.

We're working with the Party to address staffing the Headquarters on a more regular/standardized basis moving forward.

Their holiday party will likely take place on December 7 at the Battleground in Kent.

Portage County NAACP

Let's Talk Together: Community Conversation About Local Policing"
Thursday, November 18th - 6PM

Come hear about local policing efforts at this educational event. A panel of local police chiefs will answer questions about their policies and challenges and describe their community policing efforts.

Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions of:

Kent Police Chief Nicholas Shearer
Ravenna Police Chief Jeff Wallis
Streetsboro Police Chief Tricia Wain
Portage NAACP Board member Frank Hairston.
Co-sponsored by:
Portage County NAACP
ACLU Portage County Action Team
Kent League of Women voters

Black Elected Democrats

Frank Hairston met with Ashton earlier this month to finalize the documents necessary to recognize their PAC status with the Board of Elections.

The organization is in the process of planning a fundraiser in the coming months that will likely feature State Senator Dr. Vernon Sykes.

Ohio Young Democrats

The Ohio Young Democrats will be hosting their Winter Meeting on Saturday, December 11 at 10:00 AM.

Details for registration can be found on our website (calendar).

Young Democrats of America

The Young Democrats of America will hold their Winter Digital Summit December 2-5.

Details for registration can be found on our website (calendar).

XI. Announcements

2022 Officer Elections Will Be Wednesday, January 19th
Must announce candidacy BY Wednesday, January 12th, 2022

→ Elections for President, Vice Chair of Communications and Sergeant-At-Arms shall take place in even numbered years, to be scheduled no earlier than the seventh (7th) of January and no later than the twenty-first (21st) of January. (Per Constitutions and Bylaws - Article VI : Elections / Section V)

The Annual Organizing Meeting shall take place within fourteen (14) days of Officer Elections. - Wednesday, February 2nd, 2022

Progressive Turnout Project Wave 3 Postcards Available NOW!

Due to be mailed by January 7!

Working to complete 1000 postcards this wave !

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 wave, as well as secure postage donations (if possible).

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

PCYD General Membership Meeting - December 15th

MOTION: To Adjourn

MOVED: Castle

SECOND: Cola

MOTION: 5-0-0

Adjournment at 6:43 pm