



Portage County Young Democrats

Voting Membership Meeting
August 18, 2021

I. Call To Order: 6:03 PM

II. Roll Call:

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

III. Approval of Agenda

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

IV. Officer Reports

President:

Served as a delegate on behalf of the Ohio Young Democrats Biennial Convention. Finalized all pieces for Judge Poland's fundraising event, hosted by us. Completed designs for door hangers for Mark Hairstons race for Ward 1 in Ravenna. Raised money for convention costs. Participated in Garrettsville summerville Coordinated our support of the Portage Cares event, where we collected and donated over 250 personal hygiene supplies for Root House and PARC. Participated in a state-wide listening session with Congressman Tim Ryan.

Treasurer:

Approval of Treasurer Financial Report (July)

MOTION: Approve the July Treasurer's Financial report

MOVED: Cola

SECOND: Errera

MOTION: Carries 5-0-0

Maureen Fredericks Scholarship Fundraising

- Raised \$920
- Expenditures - \$1,214.72
- PCYD Local PAC - BOE Request / Termination
- Federal PAC Transition
- Initial report filed July 31 (Semi)
- Overview on Annual Operating Budget (2021)
2021 - Expected \$5,069 // Actual - \$5,697

Vice Chair of Recruitment: *(Vacant)*

Vice Chair of Communications:

- a. Attended a work session with the President and Treasurer to plan for convention, and start SquareSpace training.
- b. Completed updating Portage County Elected Officials list; in preparation for next phase of candidate endorsements.
 - i. Began working with the Treasurer to update outstanding appendices (ongoing).
 - ii. Completed minutes from the July meeting and posted for voting member review.

Sergeant At Arms: No Report

V. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Approve the Minutes from the July 21, 2021 Voting Membership Meeting.

MOVED: Errera

SECOND: Narzisi

MOTION: 5-0-0

VI. Committee Reports

1. Campaigns Committee

- a. Developed an extensive Portage County Elected Officials list using votebuilder to better understand the voting history of potential candidates for nonpartisan office (school board / township). The Board of Elections will finalize and certify their candidates list on August 27.

The moment that occurs, we will begin Wave 2 of our endorsement process. With those dates in mind, the Campaigns Committee will likely formally launch wave 2 of the endorsement process (outreach) on Monday, August 30.

Candidates would have until September 13 to complete / return their questionnaires. The organization would then consider formal endorsements no earlier than September 13. (TBA)

- i. Examples of ongoing supports:
 1. Candidate Headshots
 2. Website for Judge Kevin Poland
 3. Website for Judge Mark Fankhauser
 4. Door hanger for Mark Hairston (Ravenna - Ward 1)

2. Finance Committee

- a. Seeking additional Finance Committee members, for appointment, for ongoing research

VII. Special Orders

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

X. Partner Organization Updates

1. Federated Democratic Women of Portage County

- a. Hosted a successful Meet & Greet fundraiser for Judges Kevin Poland and Mark Fankhauser on August 14.
- b. Christopher will be serving on their Constitutional Review Committee to assist in outlining a candidate endorsement process.
- c. Chris & Ashton are advising them on how to move from multiple finance committees to one PAC committee.

- d. Working to coordinate the second wave of our Postcard Project.
- e. Christopher attended their Executive Committee meeting to secure additional funding for our endorsed candidates.
- f. Save the Date: October 14 Fall Gala (working to secure Andre Washington)

2. Portage County Democratic Party

- a. Will be assisting with website design. Chris has been serving as Chair of the Membership Standards Committee.

3. Portage County NAACP

- a. Partnered with the League of Women Voters (LWV) to provide two trainings on redistricting and gerrymandering.
 - i. Ohio Redistricting Commission will hold their Akron listening tour on Friday, August 27 (9:30 AM - 12:30 PM). RSVP Required.
- b. Hosting 'Partnering with Public Safety' event on Saturday, August 29 (Maplewood Career Center).

4. Ohio Young Democrats

- a. Christopher served on the Delegate Selection/Leadership Committee for our delegation to the YDA Biennial Convention.
- b. Selected 40 delegates to attend the event.
- c. Facilitated a Robert's Rules of Order training for delegates.
- d. Acted as a liaison to delegates at the Convention.
- e. OYD hosted a welcome reception at the Cincinnati Fire Museum on Thursday, August 12. Over 450 individuals in attendance, including Aftab Pureval (next Cincinnati Mayor) and Congressman Tim Ryan. Portage YD was a sponsor of the event.

5. Young Democrats of America

- a. The 2021 Biennial National Convention of the Young Democrats of America took place August 11-14 in Cincinnati.
- b. The organization elected new national officers for President, Executive Vice President, Vice President (3), Secretary and Treasurer.
- c. Made a number of changes to the rules of the organization and adopted a new platform for the next two years.
- d. Ohio made up a number of newly elected leaders in the organization (see next page)

Ohio Young Dems Serving in YDA:

Chris Clevenger-Morris

Great Lakes Region Director

Dontavius L. Jarrells

Black Caucus Chair

De’Juan L. Stevens

Black Caucus Secretary

Andy Price

Veterans Caucus Chair

Stef Wise

Veterans Caucus Secretary

Spencer Dirrig

AAPI Caucus Chair

P.J. Errera

Rural Caucus Treasurer

Maddy Lomax-Vogt

Environmental Caucus VC

Kelly Harrop

Labor Caucus Recording Secretary

XI. Announcements

- a. We’ve started phase 2 of our Postcard Outreach Program!
 - i. Took them to Convention and completed 200+ during our Region meeting.
 - ii. Will have an event in the near future to complete more and prepare for mailing.
 - iii. Judge Fankhauser sponsored 400 postcard stamps. If you know anyone interested in donating more (we need 600) let us know!
 - iv. Will be working with the DFW to drop off more postcards at the Party office in Ravenna and do another postcard event. Would like people to participate if possible.
- b. Days of Action schedule for fall candidates support will be coming out soon!

XII. Adjournment: 6:48 PM

MOTION: To Adjourn

MOVED: Cola

SECOND: Falatok

MOTION: 5-0-0