

MINUTES of Franklin County Democratic Party

Executive Committee Meeting

Held on September 25, 2019

Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at the Columbus Firefighters Union Hall located at 379 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215.

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Franklin County Democratic Party Chairman Michael Sexton and Pledge of Allegiance led by Larry Price.

Chairman Sexton held a moment of silence marking the passing of Renee Klco. She was active in Franklin County politics for the last 30 years was a manager at the Board of Elections.

Chairman Sexton then introduced all elected officials in attendance.

Rules of the Executive Committee meeting were explained by Chairman Sexton (speakers must be recognized by the Chairman, only one person at a time may speak, limited to three minutes each per issue, all comments must be relevant to the discussion at hand, votes will be by show of hands). Brian Shinn and Mary Woods will be the vote counters.

Phyllis Elmo motioned to accept the rules. Hearcel Craig seconded. Motion to accept the rules was passed by unanimous vote.

Sue Foley moved to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2019 meeting. Kim Kennedy seconded. Motion to approve the minutes was passed by majority vote.

Treasurer's report was provided by Treasurer Kim Marinello. Balance on hand as of July 24, 2019 meeting was \$84,631.45. Contributions through September 25, 2019 were \$88,240.50 and Expenditures through September 25, 2019 were \$45,410.17. Balance on hand on date of meeting was \$127,461.78. Report approved by majority vote.

After the reading of names for appointment to the Franklin County Party Executive Committee, Karen Kostelac moved to approve the appointments. Rick Neal seconded the motion. Motion to approve was passed by unanimous vote. The following individuals were approved.

Central Committee Members:

Chris Cupples-Columbus Ward 15  
Stefanie Coe-Columbus Ward 37  
Sundeepti Jindal-Columbus Ward 65  
Kimberly Walter-Columbus Ward 69  
Lori Tyack-Columbus Ward 73  
Beth Liston-Columbus Ward 74  
Sandi Allen-Dublin Ward 2  
Steve Campbell-Upper Arlington Ward 3

Executive Committee Members:

Latyna Humphrey  
Gena Miller Shelton  
Brian Shinn administered the oath of office to all new members.

Recommendations of the Franklin County Democratic Party screening committee presented by Chairwoman Jen House. Other screening committee members included Antone White, Marquise Lovejoy, Deborah Johnson, Phyllis Elmo, Anthony Caldwell and Mary Woods. Screening committee process explained by Chairwoman House.

Motion to adopt the screening committee recommendation to endorse the Franklin County Children's Services levy (Issue 10) approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt the screening committee recommendation to endorse the Westerville School District levy and bond issue (Issue 8) approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt the screening committee recommendation to endorse Charlie Wilson and Amy Lloyd for Worthington Board of Education; Vaughn Bell and Jen Aultman for Westerville Board of Education; Brian Morgan and Brian Perry for Hilliard Board of Education; Wally Obert for Hamilton Board of Education; and, Deborah Dunlap for Reynoldsburg Board of Education all approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt the screening committee recommendation to endorse Joe Sorenson and Mack Quesenberry for Truro Township Trustee; Jane Cera for Clinton Township Trustee; Ralph Horn for Franklin Township Trustee; and, Sherry Hemming for Prairie Township Fiscal Officer all approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to adopt the screening committee recommendation to endorse Matthew Star for Mayor of Minerva Park; Jim Wiley for Obetz Village council; Ajay Satyapriya for Dublin City Council; Pete Bucher, Seth Kraut and Bonnie Michael for Worthington City Council; John Galasso for Grove City Council at Large and Jeff Buskirk for Grove City Council Ward 2.

Stella Shaw moved to amend the endorsement for a dual endorsement for Jeff Buskirk and Melissa Anderson for Grove City Council Ward 2. Seconded by Sue Foley. Motion passed.

Mark Gofstein made a point of order in favor of unanimous support for the full report.

Bill DeMora updated the Committee on the Delegate Selection Process for the national convention.

Bill DeMora moved to give the Chairman the authority to make endorsements on behalf of the Executive Committee between the conclusion of this meeting and the beginning of our next meeting. Seconded by Aryeh Alex. Motion passed with unanimous support.

#### New Business

Jeanne Melvin requested that the Committee adopt the Resolution for Public Education from Public Education Partners. The Ohio Democratic Party Executive Committee voted unanimously to adopt the Resolution. Bill Anthony moved that the Committee adopt the Resolution for Public Education. Seconded by Sue foley. Motion passed with unanimous support.

#### Announcements

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual GOTV fundraiser will be October 17 at the Boat House.

There will be a watch party in Westerville for the next Democratic Presidential debate.

On September 9, there will be canvass kickoffs at 10 a.m. and 1 p,m,

Ed Leonard, Franklin County Board of Elections Director, gave an update on the new BOE brochure, the new voting machines and other preparations for the November Election. Poll workers are still needed. Please encourage early voters to vote earlier in person. Also, encourage vote by mail. The BOE is starting to prepare for the 2020 Election now.

Sue Foley encouraged handing out the Democratic sample ballot at the BOE. Attend the Ward 21/22 rally on Sunday, October 20, at 3 p.m. to see and hear from the Columbus candidates.

Fran Ryan encouraged candidates to attend the Annual Senior Citizens event at the Hollywood Casino on Friday, October 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p,m,

Motion to adjourn approved by majority vote.