

North Ridgeville Democrats

Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 28, 2019 6:30pm, North Ridgeville Public Library

Present: Bob Jaeckin, Daisy Reish, Ginny McCaskey, [fill in from attendance sheet]

Bob Jaeckin called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance

New Members

We have not established a formal membership list of individuals who have paid dues, but two new attendees introduced themselves. Also, the Democratic candidate for municipal judge, Paul St. Marie, and his campaign manager, Matt Michac introduced themselves.

Announcements

Bob Jaeckin announced that he filed the required paperwork to establish the group as a Political Action Committee (PAC), and obtained an EIN number from the IRS. The group has IRS status as under section 527 of the IRC. Bob also opened a bank account for the group with an opening balance of \$50.00.

Guest speaker – Dennis Will, Lorain County Prosecutor

Dennis Will gave an overview of the criminal prosecution process, presented information about how the opioid crisis has impacted the Lorain County court and jail systems, and answered a number of questions from those in attendance.

Candidates Present

Paul St. Marie introduced himself, and asked for the group's support for the primary election on May 7, 2019, and in the general election for Elyria Municipal Court Judge. His campaign manager, Matt Michac, spoke about Mr. St. Marie's candidacy, and suggested ways that the group could help with the election effort (e.g., putting yard signs out, helping to canvas, contributions to fund the campaign).

Paul Walanski spoke to the group about his Democratic candidacy for mayor of North Ridgeville. Mayor Gillock is not planning to run for office, and Kevin Corcoran will be

the Republican candidate. Mr. Walanski presented his views on the changes that are needed in North Ridgeville leadership; specifically, he pledged to listen and find out what the people of North Ridgeville want. He proposes outreach effort to get more retail and light industrial businesses in the city to generate the revenue to improve and maintain city services and infrastructure.

Democratic Party Updates

Bob Jaeckin gave a party update. We have no candidate in Ward 1 for city council. Each city ward has 2 Republican candidates, reflecting a split in the local Republican party. We are seeking precinct chairs. Bob Jaeckin is the precinct chair in 3D, and Steve Cristino is the chair in 3F. They are both precinct chairs outside of their residence. Laura Ingram is working on organizing the precinct chairs, and needs to be kept appraised as precinct chairs are identified.

Other reports

Daisie Reish gave a report on the American Promise Association's Launch Event on Thursday, February 21, 2019 from 630-8:00 pm at the North Ridgeville Public Library. She is involved with this group, which organizing to pass the 28th Amendment to the Constitution, which will fundamentally change political campaign funding. Information at americanpromise.net.

City Council Update

No City Council Update this month. Dennis Boose and Bob Chapek were attending a special council meeting.

Adjournment

Bob Jaeckin adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm

Next meeting: March 25, 2019, 6:30pm, North Ridgeville Public Library

Respectfully submitted by:

Ginny McCaskey