

North Ridgeville Democrats

Meeting Minutes May 24, 2109

Attendees: Bob Jaeckin, Steve Cristino, Jenna Meyer, Daisie Reish, Ginny McCaskey, Jan Jaeckin, Barbara McCarthy, Tony Rado, Don Auble, Jim Behmer, Michele Esper, Ken Harbaugh, Michael Pietraroa, Patricia Pietraroa, Tracey Frierson, Laura Irvin, Regan Phillips

Meeting location: Jaeckin home, due to library being closed on normal meeting night (Memorial Day holiday).

Note: This was designed to be a more informal meeting to allow for open conversation and an update from former House candidate Ken Harbaugh.

- I. Bob Jaeckin called the meeting to order at 6:40pm
- II. April 2019 Minutes approved
- III. April 2019 Treasurer's report presented and approved
- IV. Candidates Present –
 1. Paul Walanski, who is the Democratic candidate for mayor of North Ridgeville, was present and gave an update on his campaign. He is going door-to-door, and is hearing that people in North Ridgeville are concerned about the ongoing residential development. He pointed out that his Republican opponent is the President of City Council at the same time he represents Bob Schmidt builders.
 2. Jim Layman is running for State House in District 55 (the seat currently held by Gayle Manning). He has a background in Aerospace. He is running because he does not think the Republican majority in the State House embodies Ohio values. Plans a door-knocking campaign and asked for support.
 3. Bob Jaeckin plans to start a door-knocking campaign for his City Council candidacy in July.
- V. Introductions – everyone present introduced themselves. Of note, Michelle Esper wants to help with Communications, and Tracy Frierson will help with Membership.
- VI. Bob gave an update on the party efforts to organize precincts to prepare for the upcoming elections.
- VII. Laura Irvin gave an update on the County Party. T-shirts are available, and Laura urged people to wear them, and they are “conversation starters.” The County Democratic party just re-vamped the website, and Laura asked members of the North Ridgeville Democrats to go on the site and volunteer. She is seeking precinct chairpersons, and would like volunteers to host debate-watching parties. She needs a block walk captain for each precinct, and would also like to organize meet-and-greets for candidates. There are also service projects that people can get involved in, and financial contributions are needed to fund employee activities.

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VIII. Ken Harbaugh gave an update on what he has been up to since the election.

IX. The formal portion of the meeting adjourned, and the group enjoyed open conversation.

Submitted by Ginny McCaskey