

LIVONIA DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2007

Call to Order

The meeting was opened at 7:30 pm by President, Pat O'Neil.

Endorsements

Brian Duggan requested the club's support in his race for city Treasurer. Pat asked for a motion for the club to endorse Brian. Richard Miga mentioned that the club by-laws require that the club financially and actively support any candidate that we endorse. Due to a lack of resources, Frank moved that we remove these constraints for tonight's endorsement requests. This was moved, seconded and passed. Brian's endorsement was also moved, seconded and passed.

Frank Kalinski (LDC - VP) requested the club's support for his campaign for Livonia City Council. Brian Duggan made a motion to support the request. Richard Miga shared his objection to the club's support of Frank. At the conclusion of this discussion, the motion to endorse Frank was seconded and passed.

Speaker

President Pat introduced Olivia Boykins, who works for Rep. John Conyers, Jr. She introduced Dr. David Apsey, DDS. Dr. Apsey represents the group Physicians for a National Health Program (www.pnhp.org). He presented a very informative and interesting overview of Rep Conyers legislation, H. R. 676, "The United States National Health Insurance Act," or "Expanded & Improved Medicare for All". He answered many questions from the floor and this portion of the meeting took approximately one hour.

Review of Minutes of Last Meeting

In the interest of time, the minutes were made available for review after the meeting.

Reports

Treasurer - Not much has change from last month. Assets including savings, checking, 36 LDC caps and 79 shirts total \$2,157.70. Liabilities total \$99.70. Alan suggested that the club consider a fund raising project. We will need some kind of fund raiser activity to implement any programs we may wish to pursue.

Committees

- VP Frank reviewed a list a many political activities scheduled in the upcoming couple of months.
- Linda Lieder reminded everyone about the peace vigil scheduled for Sunday, Oct 14 from 4 - 6.
- Linda suggested getting the address of homes with signs supporting Democratic candidates. We could them invite them to join the LDC.

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Pat discussed the Michigan primary date move to January 15. It had the unexpected effect of most of the Democratic candidates withdrawing from the Michigan primary. He related it to civil disobedience and the result of facing the consequences. Discussion ensued regarding the need for change in the process to select the party's presidential nominee.

Announcements

1. There will be a steak dinner to support disabled veterans.
2. Volunteers were requested to call club members and invite them to our November meeting when county executive Robert Ficano will speak.

New Business

A representative from Maureen Brosnan's campaign office requested volunteers for walking door-to-door, mailing, and telephone calls. She reminded everyone about the 7:00 p.m. debate tomorrow at city hall.

End of Meeting

Pat adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Linda Curry, Secretary