

LIVONIA DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2008

Call to Order

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

Democracy and Group Dynamics

The first part of the meeting consisted of an exercise in Democracy and Group Dynamics lead by Leon Fertell. Leon reviewed the topics of group dynamics, leadership types, Democratic behavior, Democracy as described by Kurt Lewin, problem solving and pertinent definitions. This review included lively group discussion pertaining to the lecture, education and philosophy.

Next we participated in a problem-solving group activity. The three groups all chose Universal Health Care as the issue and shared their views, arrived at by consensus, with everyone present.

Leon was able to demonstrate his point that by carefully listening to other's views and sharing points of difference consensus can be reached.

Business Meeting, President Pat

Pat reminded everyone that annual membership dues should be paid this month. They are \$20 for an individual and \$25 for a family.

He also shared the tentative speakers for the next three meetings:

- February - Speaker from Citizens for Peace
- March - Andy Dillon, Speaker Of The Michigan House Of Representatives
- April - Kym L. Worthy, Wayne County Prosecutor

Pat thanked Richard Miga for his excellent work on rebuilding the Livonia Democratic Club web site. Richard encouraged everyone to reference the site, make it know to others and to offer suggestions and ideas for enhancing the site.

Pat reviewed the dates and places for some of the activities surrounding Dennis Kucinich's visit to the Detroit area starting January 10.

In Alan Baum's absence Pat reviewed the treasurer's report. Assets are \$2,064 and liabilities are \$0. The lion's share of the assets are LDC caps and t-shirts.

VP Operations, Linda Lieder

Linda suggested that the LDC host a viewing of the movie Sicko, as a fund raiser. A projector is needed. Perhaps one might be available at the Livonia Senior Center.

Michigan Primary Election

Pat reviewed the primary ballot, reminding everyone to vote uncommitted if their candidate's name is not on the ballot.

Richard Miga stressed the importance of everyone voting in spite of the absence of Obama and Edwards on the ballot.

End of Meeting

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

Minutes submitted by Linda Curry, Secretary