

LIVONIA DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2008

Call to Order

The meeting was opened at 7:28 p.m. by President Patrick O'Neil.

Pat began by informing all in attendance that the July meeting would be held on Friday, July 11 rather than the usual second Wednesday of the month. The meeting will be a social cook-out event at Pat's home. Check the LDC web site for location and information.

Candidates

Six candidates each made a brief presentation highlighting their qualifications and requesting the vote of those present.

1. Lynne A. Pierce for Wayne County Circuit Court
2. Dave Stevens for 16th District Court in Livonia
3. Sarah Steslicki for 16th District Court in Livonia
4. Ronaele Bowman for Wayne Count Commissioner, District 12
5. Susan Clark for Wayne Count Commissioner, District 11
6. Jeff Brandt representing Marc Corriveau, current State Representative for district 20. This district boarder on Livonia and although Marc does not represent us he requested any help available to keep a Democrat in that seat.

The primary will be August 5.

Candidate Debate for U.S. House of Representatives, Michigan 11th Congressional District between Joseph Larkin and Ed Kriewall

Pat O'Neil moderated a debate in the form of previously submitted questions. Each candidate made an opening statement regarding their qualifications and positions. Each candidate had a turn to answer the question first. Each candidate was asked their three top issues.

Larkin:

1. Alternative Energy
2. Dealing with foreclosures
3. Iraq war

Kriewall:

1. Iraq
2. Energy
3. Economy

Both candidates promised that they will run again if they lose against McCotter in the November election.

Both candidates stated that they would vote to stop funding for the Iraq war.

Please reference the candidate's web sites for more information on their positions on issues of concern in the 11th district.

This portion of the meeting concluded at 8:50 p.m.

President Pat O'Neil proposes promoting the Democratic Party in Livonia

It is one of the goals of the Livonia Democratic Club to make Livonia a city where Democrats can get elected. Usually we work for specific Democratic candidates. Pat suggests that

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another approach is to promote the Democratic Party itself. We should tell the voters why our party is better for them than the Republican Party.

We should challenge the Republicans in three areas they have always considered their strength and point out that they have failed in each area.

- Economy
- Military
- Abortion

Our goal would be to increase the number of voters who choose the Democratic Party over the Republican Party by contrasting the differences between the two parties.

Pat asked for those present to review draft documents, made available at the meeting, that he has written. We will discuss it and vote on it at a later date.

Club Endorsements

Endorsement sheets prepared by the executive board endorsement committee were passed out for club member approval. Richard Miga made a motion that another endorsement committee be formed to include other club members. It was seconded by Howard Young and passed by a show of hands. Several members volunteered to be on the new committee and the endorsement vote was postponed. The new endorsement committee will meet and advise the club of their recommendation when it is ready.

Treasurers Report

The club has \$985 in the bank. We have another \$250 from the garage sale that will be deposited. The club owes approximately \$150 for the rental of the room for our meetings.

End of Meeting

Pat adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Linda Curry, Secretary