

## April Dinner & Meeting

Start time of 6:00 -- Meet & Greet

Appreciation Dinner catered by Chicken Annies at 6:30

1. Order -- Business Meeting called to order at 7:10 by Chair, Janie Jarrett with Pledge of Allegiance. Janie welcomed all with appreciation to volunteers & for contributions to the '2024 Campaigns & Election season. Roll call proceeded with all individually introducing themselves to the group.

2. Minutes from the March Zoom meeting were read by Elaine Warstler with a motion to approve by Betty McBride with a second by Teresa Foster.

3. Treasurer's Report -- Treasurer, Anita Davolt reports that total operating funds are \$3444.63 & \$966.61 in the Scholarship account. The cost of the Japanese Maple tree donated to the Extension/4-H & the cost of dinner will be deducted from the total.

### 4. New Business --

a. We received Thank You cards from Grace & Gratitude Food Pantry, Columbus Methodist Thrift Store for non-perishable donations & the Gatewood Family.

b. Japanese Maple tree has been purchased to donate to the Extension/4-H to plant at the Extension Office by the 4-H kids in recognition of Earth Day.

c. Janie encouraged involvement in responding to articles printed in the NewsReport with Letters to the Editor. Additional opportunities discussed were Loudlight Young Democrat Voices & Every Race Grant Contest.

d. Proud to introduce our newest Committee person, Kristen Wagner. She shared her concerns when reorganizing & we were short our quorum & decided to get involved. The process of appointment was explained & map & list were shared of open seats. Appreciate Kristens input & time to invest in recruiting folks to strengthen representation in each township, ward & precinct.

### 5. Old Business--

a. Toni Spieth updated the group on attending the weekly Commissioner's Meetings. Goal is to have a committee of 8 to rotate attendance. She also shared articles on the SAVE Act & issues with handouts for those interested in a copy.

b. Janie gave update on suggestions by Senator Cindy Holscher on contacting our elected representatives. She has requested that we cc. her when we email them so that if in committees our reps say we haven't contacted them she can show that we have.

c. 5 Calls App explained by Janie & handouts available for assistance.

d. Doug Gatewood suggested that visiting Morans office with concerns or protest would be affective & Pam Henderson would be the person to contact on his office. (620-232-2286)

### Outstanding Democrat Award

Janie announced we were honoring an outstanding member who has invested a lifetime of wisdom & service to the Party, community & state. She introduced Doug to proceed with award. The recipient of the first Outstanding Democrat Award with a trophy & certificate is the special **Betty McBride**. She was shocked & honored to receive the award & shared that she always strived to remain non-partisan in her

capacity in her many leadership roles & that "people over politics" is the most important rule to follow.

We wrapped up the evening with several donated door prizes & beautiful sunflower arrangements made & donated by Steve Langerot.

Janie reminded everyone to take a break to recharge your battery, take a break & do something you enjoy, find support, find your voice & be proud that we are the ones that would have helped Anne Frenk.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 with reminder that the next meeting will be held by Zoom on May 8th at 6:30.