

HUNTINGTON COUNTY DEMOCRATS PUBLIC MEETING

LOCAL 2209 UAW HALL

SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 6:30 P.M.

- MUSIC WAS PLAYING WHILE PEOPLE WERE GATHERING
- OPEN MEETING \*\*\* Chairwoman, Christine Bohm, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed all the Democratic candidates, party members and the central committee.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE \*\*\* At this time, she called on the veterans and their family members present to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- LIVE MUSICIAN \*\*\*\*\* Gary Snyder's son, also known as Gary Snyder, played a lively rendition of the National Anthem.
- APPROVAL OF ELECTION MINUTES \*\*\* Christine called attention to three business items: APPROVAL of the Election minutes of July, 1, 2020. MOTION made and seconded to approve the minutes. MOTION passed.
- APPROVAL of the August, 3, 2020 minutes. MOTION made and seconded to approve the minutes. MOTION passed.
- APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORTS. MOTION made and seconded to approve the financial reports. MOTION PASSED.
- EXPLANATION OF HOW TO PLAY CANDIDATE BINGO\*\*\*\*\* given by Christine

Just prior to having the first candidate come up on stage, Christine asked Carolyn Smith, (the Democratic member of the County Election Board) to come up on stage to reassure the members that voting by mail is safe and secure from the Clerk's portion and the agreement they have with the Post Office.

**INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES** \*\*\* Christine explained each candidate will be introduced one at a time and will come up on stage and have 2 minutes to tell about the position they are running for and the issues that are important to them and their constituents.

NICK NELSON, Surveyor Allen County

MELISSA FISHER, Allen County Council at Large

MAUREEN BAUER, State Rep Dist 6

CHAD HARRIS, State Rep Dist 18

KELLY THOMPSON, State Rep Dist 22

JORGE FERNANDEZ, State Rep Dist 50

MICHAEL BIENZ, State Rep Dist 83

EMMA STEELE, State Rep Dist 84

LUKE BOHM, State Senate Dist 5  
LAURA FRED-SMITH, State Senate Dist 18  
JONATHAN WEINZAPFEL, Attorney General  
CHIP COLDIRON, US Congress, 3rd District

Many of the candidates in their address struck a common cause in running for office. Such as Health Insurance for working families; Education through Strong Public Schools; Teacher Pay; Suppression of Vote through Redistricting; Racial and Criminal Justice; Jobs; and Energy to name a few.

- VIDEO ADDRESS BY MAYOR PETE BUTTIGIEG\*\*\*\*\* Mayor Pete's message to the Democrats was one of encouragement and doing whatever we can to get the Vote out. The assembled group was thankful for Mayor Pete's acknowledgement of the candidates and their campaigns.
- BREAK OUT FOR MEET AND GREETINGS AND CANDIDATE BINGO  
At 7:45 Chairwoman Christine Bohm adjourned the meeting for Meet and Greetings time with the candidates and for those that were getting their bingo cards signed by attendees they had met through the course of the evening as they were filling their bingo squares.
- ANNOUNCEMENT OF BINGO WINNERS\*\*\*\*\* they received Biden signs.
- DRAWING FOR 50/50 WINNER \*\*\*\*\* Pat McCloskey was the winner of the 50/50 with the pay sum of \$143.00. She announced that she would like to donate 100% back to the party.