



DELAWARE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Delaware County Democratic Party News

31 Regular Business Meetings: The Democratic National Committee (DNC) has determined that in order to keep everyone safe, we should avoid having in person meetings unless we can guarantee that all attendees will be fully vaccinated, will wear masks, and will be able to maintain social distance of six feet or greater. The Delaware County Democratic Party is above average on the first two requirements, but we are a large enough group that we cannot guarantee adequate spacing if we all meet in person. Therefore, our meetings as a county party will continue to be on Zoom until conditions improve. We are grateful that we have smaller groups in our regions who can decide whether they are able to meet in person or via zoom.

Our next meeting is **Thursday, Jan. 20 at 7:00pm on [Zoom](#)**.

Precinct & Regional Organization & Development (PROD)

The PROD committee is responsible for recruiting and organizing precinct leaders, typically members of the Central Committee. We are the grassroots of the Democratic Party and critical for any election success in Delaware County, Ohio and the nation. Our candidates rely on our organizing ability and in many cases we are the only contact our neighbors have with other Democrats.

Our goal has been to fill each precinct. There are 167 precincts in Delaware County and we have volunteers to lead 134 of them. Some of those are volunteers from other precincts that have agreed to take responsibilities for precincts that they do not live in. We still have 33 precincts that we need to find local neighbors that are willing to lead their precincts.

As of Tuesday we only have 40 petitions filed for Central Committee members. We would like all of our precinct leaders to be Central Committee members of the county party. Each of our six regional PROD leaders have been contacting their precinct leaders to get their petitions in for Central Committee member. If you are a precinct leader and have been active in organizing your precinct we encourage you to file this [simple form](#) before the February 2 deadline, it only take a couple minutes and a stamp.

Jack Berlekamp, PROD Committee Chair

2022 Candidates - Top of the Ticket

Ohio Democrats have a choice of two candidates for US Senator - Tim Ryan and Morgan Harper. For the US House of Representatives, the Ohio Supreme Court has determined that the districts drawn by Ohio Republicans are not constitutional, so we don't know what district we will be in. Nor do we know which state house and senate districts will be in Delaware County. As we get this information, we will share it with you. At this time, we have one congressional candidate who lives in the city of Delaware. No Democratic candidates for the Ohio legislature have been confirmed to date.

Call for 2022 Candidates

The Ohio Primary election is currently scheduled for May 3, with a petition deadline of February 2, 2022, at 4 p.m. Our party is actively searching for Democrats to run for county and state legislature races. If you or anyone you know may be interested in running for one of the following, please reach out to Candidate Support Committee Chair [Joyce Bourgault](#) or DCDP Chair [Peg Watkins](#). Candidate training and support for county candidates are available.

State Legislature 2022

- Ohio Senate District 19* (vs. Andy Brenner)
- Ohio House District 60* (formerly 67, vs. Kris Jordan)
- Ohio House District 61* (formerly 68 vs. Rick Carfagna)

**depending on how districts are revised.*

Delaware County Offices

- Judge, Court of Common Pleas – Domestic Relations Division (vs. Randall Fuller)
- Commissioner (vs. Barb Lewis)
- Auditor (vs. George Kaitsa)
- County Democratic Central Committee (176 precincts - See PROD article above)

Anti-Racism Committee Continues

Interested in learning more about anti-racism and making a difference in Delaware County? Join the Delaware Dems Anti-Racism Committee as we get started planning for 2022! Email: antiracism@ohiodeladems.org to join us!

Constitution and By-Laws Committee

The committee continues its work via email, Google Docs, and Zoom meetings. We are making progress, but there still is much to do. We intend to have a revised document to submit to the Executive Committee at the April meeting, so that the “new” Central Committee will organize under the revised Constitution and By-Laws after the May primary election. Of course, we will circulate the proposed document for your review prior to the April meeting. Our committee is relatively small and we could use more help. If you want to contribute a little time to revising and improving our governing document, your assistance will be welcomed. Email me at schmajo@aol.com.

John Schmarr, C & BL Committee Chair

Robert Parker Scholarship

This Committee, led by David Simmons, has begun its work for 2022. Letters will go out to county high school guidance counselors to ask for applications. Last year, we had the highest number of applicants, and they were all very well qualified, making it difficult to make choices. We are looking forward to another year of hearing from such positive young people. If you are interested in helping with this committee, please contact [Chair Peg Watkins](#) for further information.

Upcoming Job Opportunities

The Board of Elections will be hiring poll workers for the May 3 Primary, but ALSO a part-time (20 hours per week) ongoing office worker who is a Democrat. New employees at the BOE are paid an hourly wage of \$19. If you are interested, please contact either [Anthony Saadey](#) or [Peg Watkins](#).

Our Goals



Energize Local Democrats

Together, we can make a difference. We want to bring local Democrats together in Delaware County and energize them into action.



Get Democrats Elected

Many people want to do something but don't know what. There are so many opportunities to support local candidates running for office and we are here to help!



Challenge Single Party Rule

Republicans have long been in power in our county, but things are changing. We are getting Democrats elected and bringing progress to our area!



Join us!

Membership to our county party is more than just a word. We are a community of like-minded Democrats passionate about bringing change to our community. [Read more here](#) about how to become a member if you aren't one yet. We'd love to have you!



Get Involved

There are many opportunities to get involved! Our party meets once a month to discuss our priorities and organize to meet our goals. There are also candidate events, precinct and regional organizing and community events. Sign up to get connected [here](#) and be sure to keep reading this newsletter for updates.



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