

Minutes of General Meeting – January 16, 2014

- **Meeting Called to Order at 7:10 PM** – Chairman Dick Pas
- **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America** – led by James Brownlow
- **Words of Thanks For, and Words of Reflection**
 - Tom Hibbard, outgoing Secretary, Democratic Party of Waukesha
 - Spoke of being Secretary for a “rollicking” 5 years. Worked to provide minutes based on detailed notes, providing a feeling of what happened at meeting, since people tend to forget what happened. Minutes provided continuity, which is important. Expressed that being Secretary was the best thing he did in those years.
- **Welcome and Words of Incoming Secretary**
 - Marga Krumins, incoming Secretary, Democratic Party of Waukesha
 - Spoke of intent to push the county party in terms of being responsive to and representing grassroots progressives.
- **Report of Treasurer**
 - **Year End Figures**
 - **Balance: \$10,189.93**
 - Gained approximately \$500 over what had been budgeted, which allowed for breaking even, perhaps even losing equity.
 - Nelson Proxmire event
 - Successful
 - Made about \$800
- **Introduction of Andy Suchorski, Nation Consulting, and Campaign of Representing Jon Richards And Introducing Jon Richards Candidate for Attorney General State of Wisconsin**
 - **Andy Suchorski** – introduced Jon Richards
 - **Jon Richards**
 - Talked about differences from incumbent, J.B. Van Hollen. Richards reflects mainstream values. Tighten up drunk driving laws, for example, criminalization of 1st offense drunk driving. Healthcare a right and Affordable Care Act the best hope people have for coverage and reasonable choices. John Doe investigation successful, leading to convictions; need to continue without limits; indication that need more transparency in government.
 - Waukesha County essential to a winning effort.
 - Followed by a Q & A session.
- **Service Project Report of Dwayne Block**
 - Dwayne Block reported on drive to donate winter clothing for Milwaukee school children that he has been involved in to which we, as individuals, can be involved in.
- **DPWC Raffle**
 - Not held due to time constraints
 - Suggestion made to donate instead, as individuals, to winter clothing drive for Milwaukee school children
- **Economic Presentation of Wisconsin Jobs Now**

- Introduced by Mike Wilder of Wisconsin Jobs Now
- “Raise Up Wisconsin” Presentation by Jennifer Epps-Addison, Executive Director, Wisconsin Jobs Now
- **Member Information and Reports**
 - **Dwayne Paulson**
 - **Robert Reich’s “ Inequality for All”**
 - Will be screened at Paulson’s home on the following dates:
 - January 19, 2014
 - February 2, 2014
 - February 16, 2014
 - March 2, 2014
 - An economic expert will be present for Q & A at all screenings
 - **Oconomowoc Dems**
 - Next meeting on February 8, 2014 includes:
 - Rep. Mandala Barnes
 - Wisconsin Jobs Now
 - Scott Trindl & James Brownlow regarding Grassroots Waukesha
 - 4th speaker may be announced at a later date
 - **James Brownlow**
 - Recommended that we look at moderate County Board candidates (are on board in office) and see if we can support
 - **Scott Trindl**
 - Identified the following as moderate County Board candidates:
 - 24th District – Stan Draeger – has 3 Tea Party opponents
 - 14th District – Pam Meyers
 - **Kristen Hanson**
 - Reported on Sensenbrenner’s bi-partisan response to egregious voting laws
 - **Scott Trindl**
 - Day of Service items for Hebron House being delivered on January 20th, 2014
 - State of the Union Watch Party on January 28th, starting at 7:00 PM
- **Meeting Adjourned at 8:36 PM**