

Avon-Avon Lake Republican Club Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2021

Red Tail Golf Club

Avon, Ohio

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

Approximately 85 people were in attendance.

The meeting opened with Alex Hageman leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

A video of the National Anthem from the 2014 Super Bowl was played.

Jim Dowdell presented an update on activity concerning Second Amendments Rights Laws in Ohio.

- A Duty to Retreat before defending requirement was repealed in April
- Favors "Constitutional Carry" HB 227, which is the ability for law-abiding adults to carry a concealed firearm without licensing or other mandated requirements
- A handout describing current Bills being supported/opposed by the Buckeye Firearms Association was included in the handout
- Visit www.buckeyefirearms.org

Andrew McDonnell introduced guest speaker Keith Faber, **Ohio State Auditor**.

Guest Speaker Keith Faber:

- His role is "watchdog over government spending"
- Conducts audits to determine if controls are in place to avoid fraud in unemployment claims
- 85% of Ohio cities and Counties ended 2020 in the black
- Constitutionally, our gasoline tax dollars go toward roads and bridges
- Visit ohioauditor.gov

All elected officials in attendance were introduced.

Bill Gross gave a presentation on the Convention of States

- Purpose is to propose amendments to the Constitution that would limit governmental over- reach
- Must be called for by 34 State Legislators

The Minutes of the April meeting and the Treasurer's Report were unanimously approved.

Proposed amendments to the Avon-Avon Lake Republican Club By-Laws were unanimously approved.

Tomie Patton discussed the speaker lineup for future meetings and stressed getting younger people to attend the June meeting. The \$5.00 Guest fee will be waived for attendee's 22 years old and younger. The July meeting will be held at the Patton's home. Food and beverages will be provided.

As a show of support, chocolate covered pretzels will be delivered to the police departments in all 16 districts in Lorain County.

Kirsten Hill, **State Board of Education Representative**, discussed Critical Race Theory.

- Classroom training being conducted to encourage and promote activism
- May be called Action Civics, or New Civics
- Anti racist means you cannot be neutral
- Consider attending the June 8th Avon Lake School Board meeting at 6:30pm

Action Committee: Doug Dixon

Make the effort to attend school board meetings and city council meetings

- Three school board seats will be available in Avon Lake and two in Avon
- Urged Republicans to become Precinct Leaders
- Letters regarding Critical Race Theory and the promotion and support of Law Enforcement are available for signing. The letters will be sent to Governor DeWine, State Senator Nathan Manning, State Representative Gail Manning, and State Representative Stein.

Membership Committee: Loretta Vass

- The Club has added five new members

New Business: There was no new business

The meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Vass
Secretary

May 25, 2021

AVON-AVON LAKE REPUBLICAN CLUB TREASURER'S REPORT JUNE 2021

Balance forward	\$ 2104.66
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INCOME

Dues	\$ 300.00
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Door Donations	\$ 90.00
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Table Donations	\$ 80.00
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Name Tags	\$ 20.00
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Total	\$ 2594.66
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EXPENSES

Thomasina Patton (Sound System)	\$289.95	ck 507
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Red Tail (Hall Rental)	\$170.40	ck 508
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Amalu (Pretzels for Police Departments)	\$254.00	ck 509
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Thomasina Patton (Meeting Snacks)	\$ 80.00	ck 510
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Total	\$794.35
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Balance 6-1-2021	\$1800.31
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