

OHIO REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

May 5, 2023

The Ohio Republican Party State Central Committee held its spring meeting in Columbus, Ohio Friday May 5, 2023, at the Sheraton Columbus at Capitol Square. First, we prayed, pledged allegiance to our flag, did roll call, adopted the Agenda and approved of the minutes from January 6, 2023. New Business included the appointment of Debbie Lang to fill a vacancy in Senate District 4 - Butler County.

Next, we took a vote to pass a Resolution to Protect Innocent Life and Parental Rights by Raising the Voter Approval Required for Citizen-Initiated Constitutional Amendments in Ohio, attached. If there is one issue that unites this body, it is protection of the unborn! The **Judicial Screening Committee** Endorsement Process was then debated as to whether the Candidates for the Ohio Supreme Court should be passed by simple majority or two thirds. I spoke up in favor of setting a higher bar knowing all three candidates would be able to meet that challenge. It was stated during discussion that this change only applies to the specific vote; it is not a permanent rule change. When the vote was taken, the majority preferred a simple majority for endorsement and that effort carried. So, when the endorsement vote was taken, Justice Joe Deters, Judge Megan Shanahan and Judge Dan Hawkins from Franklin County easily earned endorsement and will be our Republican candidates for the 2024 election.

Standing Committees were then addressed and a vote was taken to allow for re-assignment of standing committees. I thought this made sense to give our current Chairmen flexibility to adjust committee assignments that were set up by his predecessor. That motion carried and new members of a committee called **Chairman & Vice Chairman Review Committee** was approved. They will be Jim Dicke, George Vincent, Jane Timken, Dave Johnson, Mark Wagoner, and Jake Warner.

The **Platform Committee**, on which I serve as Secretary, presented the platform that had been in process since December. Committeeman Bryan Williams amended the platform to include a Right-to-Work plank. After much discussion and a vote, the amendment failed and the platform also failed. By not passing it, it now becomes imperative for the Platform Committee to get one passed at the September meeting because this party needs a platform! The **Building Committee** announced plans are underway to sell the headquarters building in downtown Columbus. Maintaining the building has become cost prohibitive and the space is ill-suited to the needs of the party.

Three Resolutions were then considered. Two, presented by Laura Rosenberger addressing issues with Parliamentarian and Legal Counsel, were rejected. The third Resolution in Support of 60% Majority for Constitutional Amendments presented by Committeeman Josh Brown and Committeewoman Jesse Franz, attached, passed unanimously by voice vote. As mentioned above, the pro-life issue unites us like no other. We then received reports from both our **Treasurer**, Ron Maag and our **Chairman**, Alex Triantafilou. Both were encouraging and reveal that we seem to have entered a new era for the ORP. We will continue to build on our successes. Not the least of which was that on the 10th of May 2023, The Ohio House finally voted to protect the Ohio Constitution by having a special August election to raise the threshold for revisions and amendments to 60%. This is long overdue in my opinion and

should have been addressed back in the days of placing casino addresses into this important document. Our next scheduled meeting is September 8, 2023. With that our meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara".

Barbara Holwadel
Ohio Republican Party
State Central Committeewoman
Senate District 8

IN THE OHIO REPUBLICAN PARTY STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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Resolution to Protect Innocent Life and Parental Rights by Raising the Voter Approval
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WHEREAS, pro-abortion organizations outside Ohio are investing millions of dollars in an Ohio Constitution ballot initiative petition that would establish abortion rights and grant minors the power to consent to medical procedures without their parents' consent;

WHEREAS, the Ohio Republican Party is committed to protecting innocent life and preserving the rights of parents to make medical decisions for their minor children;

WHEREAS, there is urgency due to the pro-abortion initiative petition targeted for a vote on the General Election ballot on Nov. 7, 2023;

WHEREAS, the current law of Ohio allows a simple majority vote to amend the Ohio Constitution;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ohio Republican State Central Committee supports the passage of legislation that requires a vote of at least 60% of the electors to approve any constitutional amendment and allows for a special election to be held in August.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ohio Republican State Central Committee urges all Republican legislators to vote in favor of these bills.

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WHEREAS, there is urgency due to the pro-abortion initiative petition targeted for a vote on the General Election ballot on Nov. 7, 2023; thus, the General Assembly must give Ohio voters the opportunity to address this matter as soon as possible, which is the August 2023 election, or otherwise, hand the pro-life movement in Ohio an irreparable set-back;

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