

MINUTES
Lake Ashton Democratic Club
In-Person and Virtual Meeting Via Zoom
Thursday, December 2nd, 2021 – 4:30 PM



Attendance of Board of Directors:

Carol Gillespie, President	Judy Mehal, Vice President (absent)
Carolyn Ritz, Treasurer	Shelley Miller, Secretary
Laverne Grey, Board Member	Ron McKie, Board Member
Norman Wilderson, Board Member	Paul Ritz, Board Member

Call to Order at 4:45 PM

Carol Gillespie, President

Pledge of Allegiance

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INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND ATTENDEES:

Sam & Suad Mansour
Nick Gerth

Minutes: Minutes were emailed to members. The motion passed by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn Ritz reported a balance of \$2885.93. The report was emailed to members.

Introduction of Speaker: Colette McKie introduced Catherine Price, Chair of the Polk County Democratic Executive Committee. SEE CATHERINE'S ATTACHED PRESENTATION.

Highlights from Catherine's presentation:

You can find redistricting plans at www.floridaredistricting.gov under submitted plans. Pull up various plans and click on web maps.

Democrats make a difference in Polk County, but we need to build for the long haul. Nothing will happen quickly.

Polk DEC recommends we need to:

- Register more voters
- Turn out more existing voter
 - Vote By Mail (VBM)
 - Candidates fire up voters
 - Run out get out the vote campaigns

Timeline from now until Nov 2022 DEC will be launching VBM initiatives

Check out the DEC Website at PolkDemocrats.org

Volunteer link will list all of the activities where people are needed
Snowflakes could help with texting campaign.

How can LADC help?

- Volunteer for open committee positions
- Anyone with technical experience is needed
- Fund raising is needed to help with the expenses of the VBM initiatives

Kathy Sites (LADC Member) is the volunteer coordinator for the Polk DEC.

Officer Nominations – Richard Sutherland

Nominations are still open. We have a board seat and Parliamentarian seat available. The election will be held at the January 6th meeting.

Officer seats up for election include:

- Vice President nominee: Ron McKie
- Treasurer nominee: Carolyn Ritz
- Parliamentarian: open
- Director nominee: Kathy Sites
- Director nominee: Howard Kay
- Director nominee: open

Future Meetings and Adjournment

Snowflakes will not be meeting until after the first of the year

January 6th General Meeting:

- Speaker: Kait Thomson, Director of Government Relations and Community Engagement for Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida
- We will hold Officer Elections
- A drawing will be held for the four \$25 gift cards

There being no further business, Pres. Gillespie asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shelley Miller made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Paul Ritz. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.