

MINUTES

April 5, 2017

MEETING OF THE ALLEGANY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS 701 Kelly Road, Room 231, Cumberland, Maryland

Present: Richard DeVore, President
Ronald Levasseur, Member
Georgia Martin, Member
JoAnn Spiker, Member
John T. Stakem, Member
Diane Loibel, Election Administrator

Absent: Armand Pannone, Board Attorney

Call to Order:

Mr. DeVore called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., at which time a quorum was established.

Minutes:

Mr. DeVore called for alterations, corrections, and/or approval of the minutes.

MOTION: Mrs. Martin motioned to accept the March 1, 2017 minutes as written.

SECOND: Mrs. Spiker

ACTION: Favorable and unanimous.

Additions: None

Attorney's Report: None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

OLD BUSINESS:

High School Registrations: A copy of the statistics report from our high school registration drive was placed in the board's blue folders. We registered a total of 104 students from the local high schools.

FY18 Budget: Mrs. Loibel enclosed a draft copy of the FY18 Budget for review. As discussed at last month's meeting, Mrs. Loibel submitted a request to combine the two part time positions into one contractual position. We hope to interview sometime in late April or early May. This position will start in July. Mrs. Loibel also submitted a request to increase election judge salaries by \$25.00 across the board. This will take Chief Judges to \$200.00 plus \$20.00 training pay and all other judges will make \$175.00 plus \$20.00 training pay. We have also requested money for new computers and office furniture which we are to get this fiscal year.

MAEO Conference: We are still in need of a silent auction basket and one centerpiece to take to MAEO with us. Any help on the basket will be appreciated as well as any ideas for the centerpiece.

Candidate Filings: To date, we have had one person file for Clerk of the Court and one person filed for County Commissioner.

Financial Disclosures: Mrs. Loibel reminded board members to file their financial disclosures before the April 30th deadline.

New Business:

Ethics Commission: A copy of the response from the Assistant General Counsel for the State Ethics Commission regarding Mr. Levasseur's question about a conflict of interest has been placed in Mr. Levasseur's blue folder. This reiterates the advice from our local board attorney, Mr. Armand Pannone.

Legislative Update: A copy of election related bills was sent to all members for their review.

Registration Statistics: Statistics as of March 31, 2017 were as follows: Total Active Registration 43,373 – 14,320 Democrat, 21,384 Republican, 121 Green, 276 Libertarian, 6,959 Unaffiliated, and 313 Others.

Board Members Report: None

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting will be held on May 3, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

Adjournment:

Mr. DeVore adjourned the meeting at 9:45 A.M.

MOTION: Mrs. Martin motioned to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Mr. Stakem

ACTION: Favorable and unanimous.