

Thank you to everyone who braved the weather and attended our meeting last night. Choosing a Candidate – We had an initial brainstorming session on principles that we would like to see in an ideal political candidate. Each person identified a principle. This list will begin to be refined at the next meeting. Ultimately, we can use these main principles to vet future candidates. The list of principles is attached in a separate document.

- 1) Informing the Uninformed / Growing our Numbers – We reviewed the concept of our members having smaller, in-home meetings to supplement our monthly meetings. We will have an outline for the in-home meetings by next month. For those less likely to get involved in the in-home meetings, www.politicalthinker.org is a forum to use to discuss your political views. All members are encouraged to visit the site and register.
- 2) Cheri Penwell reviewed a seminar she attended at NEOUCOM sponsored by the Portage County Tea Party group. The meeting identified how to become more involved in the political process by joining a party's Central Committee.
- 3) We briefly discussed the concept of GOOOH (Get Out of Our House). This is a movement that is gaining popularity and its purpose is to replace all 435 members of the House of Representatives with conservative citizens. (Following our meeting I had a discussion with GOOOH's local coordinator, Pat Furrey. Pat plans to come to our next meeting and spend about fifteen minutes reviewing the GOOOH concept and answering questions.) The link to the GOOOH website is www.goooh.com and everyone is encouraged to go to the site and check out the concept.
- 4) We reviewed initial plans for the Medina Tax Day Tea Party. The gazebo in Medina Square has been reserved for April 15th from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.
- 5) Because of all of the new attendees, we renewed our request to identify college students that might be willing to submit Letters to the Editor in their campus newspapers designed to provide students a conservative view about current issues like global warming, cap & trade and amnesty for illegal immigrants.
- 6) A letter from thirteen state attorney generals is attached. The letter challenges the healthcare legislation currently proposed by the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. Ohio's attorney general, Richard Cordray, is not one of the AGs that are protesting this legislation. Please contact Mr. Cordray (<http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Contact>) after reviewing the letter to express your concern at his lack of involvement in this protest.
- 7) President Obama is planning to visit somewhere in Lorain County on January 22nd. We are coordinating with other local groups to plan a rally/protest and will email details of his visit as soon as they are available.
- 8) Jim Renacci is being vetted by the Summit 9/12 Group on Saturday, January 16th, at the Golden Corral in Montrose. Please try to attend this meeting that starts at 8:30 a.m. (it is recommended that you arrive by 8:00 a.m.).