

USC Democratic Committee Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2018

Attendance: Blaine Atkin, Terry W. Atkin, Deb Allen, Anne Kulli, Paul Battisti, Darcy Battisti, Steven Logan, Elise Logan, Nicole Tichon, Tyler Gellasch, Natalie Livingston, Jason Finck, Andrew Zahalsky, Peter Schnore, Kristin Fiori, Celeste McGraw, Shirley A. McClory, Maria Miller, Jodi McClelland, Marlene McNaughton, George Bockosh, Linda Descutner, Mary McIntyre

Attendance Guests: Michelle Zmijanac (Mt. Lebanon), Zach Farmer, Executive Director of Allegheny County, John Ukenye (law student), Eileen Kelly (candidate for Allegheny Chair), Dana Slivich (Scott Twp.)

Brien Wall started the meeting at 7:10pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Brien stated that this is a reorganization meeting which needs to happen within 30 days of the election. Brian thanked the group for having him as Chairman and wished the Committee continued success. Brien then introduced guests Michelle Zmijanac, and Zach Farmer.

Michelle thanked everyone for their support in her nomination for Pennsylvania State Representative and also thanked Brian for his mentorship and encouragement.

Brien introduced Zach Farmer to continue the meeting.

Zach explained the voting process. Paul Battisti expressed concern that the Committee reorganization was being held in May instead of June as mentioned in the bylaws for certification. Also, there may be another committee person elected. There was considerable discussion. Zach said that there are 162 Allegheny County committees and all reorganizations must be completed by June 30, 2018. Zach said that there are too many committees to finalize at one time and not enough personnel available. Zach also said that he did not have to attend/conduct the reorganization meeting. Brian requested that Zach attend. Zach said that it is unlikely that someone else will be an elected committee person. It is not possible for someone to be un-elected. Zach said that this meeting will be valid and the results of this election will stand. However, our Committee has the option to file a formal complaint.

Chair – Mary McIntyre was nominated by Jason Finck, seconded by Shirley McClory
Vice Chair – Steven Logan was nominated by Tyler Gellasch, seconded by Jodi McClelland
Secretary – Linda Descutner was nominated by Shirley McClory, seconded by Celeste McGraw

There were no other nominations. Zach reviewed paper ballots and congratulated newly elected officers.

Our Chair, Mary McIntyre stated that the vote for Allegheny County Chair is on June 9, 2018, from 9:00am – noon, Firefighters Hall, 120 Flowers Avenue 15207.

Mary introduced Eileen Kelly, running against Nancy Mills for Alleghany County Chair.

Mary reviewed Community Day. There were 94 donkeys and the claw machine was a big hit. Our booth provided sales of pepperoni bread, pretzels, cotton candy, soda pop, and water.

A chairperson is needed for the August picnic. The date for the picnic is August 5. There will be no fee, but everyone is asked to bring a dish. Mary noted that Bethel Park charges \$5. The claw machine will be there and Mary asked for other ideas.

Our June meeting will be committee and subcommittee reorganization.

Mary said that she will be receiving a formal treasury report.

Deb Allen reported on redistricting. Deb said we need to decide where committee bills should proceed. Deb said that the bills should not go to Metcalfe Committee. She recommends Local Government Committee or Rules Committee. Deb said to refer to Bill Senate 22, House 722 (the House bill might change). Call 717-772-9943. There is another redistricting meeting on June 12 in Bethel at 7pm, by Fair District. Deb said that one of Mary's sub-committees should be Legislation.

Jodi McClelland talked about the Speaker Series. Jodi stated that Title 10 is a concern for Planned Parenthood.

Andrew Zahalsky said that Guy Reschenthaler is the Republican candidate for the district.

Four Commissioner seats will be expiring in 2019: Nick Seitanakis (Ward 1), Russel Del Re (At Large), Bob Orchowski (Ward 3), and Ron Pardini (Ward 5)

Shirley McClory thanked everyone for being hard workers. The volunteer T-shirts presented well.

Steve Logan asked for member bios and pictures.

Mary thanked everyone for their support and closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Descutner