

USC Democratic Committee Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2018

Attendance: Peg Babnik, Shirley McClory, Jason Fincke, Bernadette Fincke, George Bockosh, Paul Battisti, Terry Aikin, Blaine Aikin, Steven Logan, Peter Schnore, Fran Campbell, Steve Nance, Deb Allen, Erin Urban, Maria Miller, Mary McIntyre, Linda Descutner

Attendance Guests: Sharon Guidi (Candidate), Noah Erwin (Campaign Manager for Sharon Guidi), Sean McInerny (State Democratic Committee), Matthew Sable (State Democratic Committee)

Mary McIntyre started the meeting with Sharon Guidi speaking about her campaign. Sharon talked about her meeting with Rich Fitzgerald and then spoke about how we can work together to help her and other Democratic candidates get elected. Sharon also introduced her Campaign Manager Noah Erwin.

Mary introduced Sean McInerny and Matthew Sable who are from the Democratic Committee of Western Pennsylvania. They stated that everyone needs to get involved early; neighbors should talk to neighbors, go after persuadable voters, establish a set of talking points and tell them why you are voting Democratic. This weekend they are canvassing in South Park Township.

The business meeting started at 7:15pm. The minutes were approved by Jason Fincke, seconded by Peter Schnore. The minutes were approved by all.

Peg Babnick gave the treasurer's report. Last year there was \$1,545.10 in our account. This year there is \$3,304 in our account. The income from USC Community Day was \$584. This month, through Act Blue, we received four donations totaling \$391.12 which totals \$850 for the year. The accumulated total for Act Blue donations is \$1,241. Steven Logan set up Act Blue. There is additional paperwork that needs to be completed for the Committee. Mary and Peg will be learning and working on this information. The Treasurer's Report was approved by Steven Logan, seconded by Paul Battisti. The minutes were approved by all.

Committee Reports:

Picnic – It was decided to have a sign-up for selected food for the picnic. John Laukaitis will monitor a corn-hole contest (3:00pm). Terry Aikin will host children's activities and games. Jason Fincke stated that we should ask for suggested donations of \$5 per person and \$10 per family. It was also suggested that each Committee member donate a bottle of wine for a wine basket. All baskets should include only new items and have a \$50 value. (Please list what type of basket you will bring.) If you have items for a basket, but not a complete basket, please give them to Mary McIntyre. Peg suggested everyone should donate \$10 in lottery tickets for the lottery tree. Bernadette Fincke will make the flyers for the picnic, held on August 5, from 1:00pm – 5:00pm.

Web Report – Steven Logan needs help monitoring the website mailbox. It will mostly include questions and information. Erin Urban offered to help.

Lecture Series – On September 12, 2018 Ray Warner will speak about gun control. (Moms Demand Action)

New Business:

Committees

Deb Allen said that we should formalize Committees and develop yearly goals. Deb, George, Steve, and Paul suggested the following subcommittees for 2018/2019:

1. Inter-Community Outreach/Partnerships
2. Lecture Series
3. Finance/Fundraising
4. Newsletter
5. Annual Picnic
6. Community Day
7. Recruitment
8. Outreach
9. Elections
10. Data Mining

The group agreed to the following Committees:

1. Inter-Community Outreach/Partnerships
2. Combine #2 Lecture Series and #4 Newsletters calling it Communications. (Steven Logan and Jodi McClelland)
3. Finance/Fundraising
4. Combine #5 Annual Picnic, #6 Community Day and add Christmas Party then retitle it Events.
5. Recruitment
6. Outreach
7. Elections
8. Data Mining (Bernadette Fincke)

There is a sign-up sheet to be chair or member for the above Committees.

Sean McCurdy is President and Mary McIntyre is Vice-Chairman of the Char Valley Democratic Committee.

After discussion, it was decided to donate \$400 to Sharon Guidi's campaign. The motion was made by Steven Logan, seconded by Peter Schnore. The motion was approved by all.

Open Discussion:

Mt. Lebanon does not have a chair yet. Attorney Pat Sweeney said that 24 votes were needed to win. Eileen Kelly will appoint the Chair.

Zach Farmer is no longer with the Allegheny Democratic Committee.

Steven Logan said that the newsletter will go out on Monday.

Shirley McClory spoke about elections and the need to have poll watchers, passing out literature and people working the polls.

The Battistis are moving to Mt. Lebanon. We wish them well.

Chelsa Wagner is hosting a summer party on Thursday, July 19, from 5:00pm – 8:00pm at Riverview Park.

Mary McGinley is hosting a summer picnic celebrating Democratic Committees at Heinz Field – Great Hall on July 22 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm.

There was a motion to adjourn by Jason Fincke, seconded by Steven Logan.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Descutner