

USC Democratic Committee Meeting Minutes August 28, 2018

Attendance: Fran Campbell, Steve Nance, Jason Fincke, Bernadette Fincke, Blaine Aikin, Terry Aikin, Deb Allen, Steven Logan, Linda Descutner, Andrew Zahalsky, Erin Urban, Ellen Simon, Mary McIntyre, Kristin Fiori, Jodi McClelland, Natalie Livingston, Ken Pookman, Marlene McNaughton, Maria Miller, Beatrice Scheverle, Katie Mazzocco, Jess Vishner

Attendance Guests: Sharon Guidi, Noah Erwin, Gina Pelusi

Mary McIntyre started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:05pm. There was an introduction of guests Ken Pookman, Katie Mazzocco, Jess Vishner, and Gina Palucci (Moms Demand Action). Mary passed out Subcommittee 2018 information which lists all subcommittees and members. Mary stated that anyone can join the subcommittees.

The nomination to approve minutes was made by Jason Fincke, seconded by Steve Nance. The minutes were approved by all. Mary stated that only elected Committee members can vote for endorsements; but at USC Democratic meetings, everyone can vote.

Mary read the treasurer's report per Peg Babnik, treasurer.

“Checking Account Balance July 10 statement \$3,321.94

Expenses related to picnic (\$488.51)

Contrib to campaign cashed (\$400.00)

Income

Act Blue Dep (\$50 – Fee \$4.28) \$45.72

Checks from picnic + Contrib. \$390.00

Cash from picnic \$1,015.00

Checking account balance August 10 statement \$3,884.15

(Versus 8/11/17 balance of \$1,910.10) Steven Logan for \$131.41 and \$20 miscellaneous receipts from Shirley McClory and Peg Babnik.

Picnic: \$249 caterer

\$91 pork

\$20 Shirley = Total \$361

Disbursements: \$400 contribution,

\$131.41 Steven Logan for cards”

The nomination to approve the treasurer's report was made by Erin Urban, seconded by Steven Logan. The minutes were approved by all.

Committee Reports:

Inter-Communications Outreach/Partnerships – Deb Allen read their mission statement. She said they have four goals: 1) attend eight local meetings (Bethel Park, Mt. Lebanon, etc.), 2) review local meeting minutes, 3) attend 412 Groups, and 4) summarize all information.

On July 26, Deb went to the Bethel Park meeting. Bethel Park gave each candidate a \$1,000 donation. They are also working with the school district to inform/register high school students that are 18 years of age.

On August 6, Deb went to the Mt. Lebanon meeting. They are sponsoring an event on September 15, from 1:00pm – 4:00pm to energize Democrats. They are also working on canvassing and phone banking.

Deb said that Sharon Guidi's purse fundraiser raised \$8,000. Sharon's next fundraiser is on September 5 at the LaMont in Mt. Washington. South Hills Action Day is September 15. Char Valley is having an Oktoberfest on October 25. All members and associates are free for the Char Valley event which will be held in Scott Township.

Communications – Jodi McClelland said the next Speaker Series is September 12 and the speaker will be Ray Warner (gun control). This event will be held at the USC Library Multi-Purpose Room at 7:00pm. Steven Logan said that the newsletter received 300 visits within the last 30 days. Steven said that the newsletter will include information about the Speaker Series, and Inter-Community Outreach/Partnerships, fundraisers, and canvassing. He also invited everyone to submit information for the newsletter. Ellen Simon spoke about absentee voting.

Events - Mary said that the picnic was not a fundraiser, but it did make money. There were about 21 baskets for the picnic raffle. The next event is the Holiday Party.

Recruitment – The committee is looking for candidates to run for office. There will be four Commissioner seats next year. Elise Logan and Buffy Hasko, are going to create a job description. The committee would also like to offer financial assistance, help them file the proper papers for the primary, and setup on social media. They want to get the potential candidate through the primary. There is a Young Democrats Club at the high school. There was much discussion about the current School Board decision to have armed policemen at all schools. Bethel Park and Mt. Lebanon also have policemen at their schools.

Outreach – Committee appointments for approval were sent to Eileen Kelly for Kathleen McGarvey and David Shaw. Allegheny County has information on the web page for correct wording and procedures for appointments. Steven Logan is also going to include this information in the newsletter.

Elections – This group has not met yet.

Data Mining – Flyers with absentee ballots were sent to 480 names between the ages of 18-23. George Bockosh and Steven Logan helped with Voter Builder Data Base. There are more correct phone numbers. A list was compiled of 66+ voters with ward and district. It was stated that they will be called asking if they need an absentee voter ballot, need to register, or need a ride to the polls. Jason Fincke sent flyers to his ward and district asking if they need anything to help them vote.

Bernadette Fincke said that they will be using Google Drive to help at the polls. The poll watchers will provide the input as to who voted.

Old Business: None

New Business:

In lieu of a meeting with the candidates in October, we will be organizing with Char Valley's Ockoberfest. It will be held on October 25, at Scott Park from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. There will be food, wine and beer. There will be no cost for committee members and associate members. Guests will be charged \$10. Mary McIntyre made a motion to donate \$200 as a sponsor in lieu of hosting our own meet the candidate night. The \$200 sponsorship made by Mary was approved by Jason Fincke, seconded by Andrew Zahalsky. The motion passed.

Mary said that the committee needs a system of reimbursement with guidelines. The executive committee will work on writing these guidelines.

Sharon Guidi and Noah Erwin spoke at length about their campaign. There will be postcard writing in which the script will be provided by Noah and paid for by the campaign. They need your time and handwriting skills. They will be rotating days and times at their campaign headquarters and at Attorney Barbara Shaw's office. Steve Nance is also hosting a postcard gathering at his house.

Sharon reiterated that they need more house parties and donors. They currently have \$58,000 but need to reach their goal of \$90,000. There will be another fund-raiser at the LeMont which will be a cocktail party from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Noah stated that they have 25,000 doors to visit and speak about health care and education. Noah wants everyone to speak with him before talking to any voter. Noah's number is 412-254-8301. Jason Fincke said that he has sent flyers to his Ward/District, however; Noah said it is too early.

The meeting was over at 9:00pm. There was a motion to adjourn by Steven Logan, seconded by Blaine Aikin.