

## **USC Democratic Committee Meeting Minutes October 23, 2018**

Attendance: Jason Fincke, Bernadette Fincke, Terry Aikin, Blaine Aikin, Deb Allen, Linda Descutner, Andrew Zahalsky, Erin Urban, Mary McIntyre, Jodi McClelland, Marlene McNaughton, George Bockosh, Peg Babnick, Joshua Segall, Peter Schnore, Steven Logan, Elise Logan, Steve Nanc, Natalie Livingston, Kristin Fiore, Beatrice Scheverle, David Misra, Shirley McClory, Kathleen McGarvey,

Attendance Guests: Julian Wolfe, Mary McGinley, Noah Erwin (Sharon Guidi campaign)

Mary McIntyre started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:03pm. Mary said she volunteers in the office of Eileen Kelly. Eileen replaced the Executive Director of Allegheny County Mark Salvas with Bridget Sullivan (until November 6). The former Executive Director was asked to resign from office because of two social media posts. His Facebook page stated I stand for the flag and kneel for the cross. The second post came from his wife asking for support for the family of Officer Michael Rosfel. Mary introduced new member Julian Wolfe.

The nomination to approve minutes was made by Steven Logan, seconded by Jodi McClelland. The minutes were approved by all.

Peg Babnick, treasurer, reported that there was a donation of \$200 to the Char Valley Democrats. There is now a balance of \$3,683.65. There was a nomination to approve the treasurer's report by George Bockosh, seconded by Kristin Fiore.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### Inter-Communications Outreach/Partnerships

Deb Allen said there was training last week for American Promise Alliance. She also talked about the 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment. George Bockosh talked about the Almanac article on Our Kids, Our Commitment. George said that it is a good cause, but it's loosely set up with no structure for distribution. He also stated that he did not like the increase in property tax to support this fund. The group discussion indicated that it would continue to increase taxes yearly.

Mary McGinley spoke about the Char Valley October Rally which is being held this Thursday at Scott Township Park. Mary McGinley said that it is nice way to meet people in other districts. Mary McIntyre stated that there will be lots of food (some homemade) and drinks; everything is free. Mary also said that Mike Doyle has an event tomorrow at the LaMont and asked if anyone wanted her invitation.

Communications – Steven Logan said that he streamed the gun control talk by Ray Warner. Steven said that 500 watched. He said that the newsletter has 40 subscribers, with 2500 page views. He stated that most of the views were in reference to election and polling places. He will list the polling places in the coming newsletter.

Jodi said that the next Speaker Series is scheduled for November 14 at the library. She is looking for a speaker. Dr. Rosso, the Upper St. Clair School District Superintendent or a mental health adviser were suggested as speakers. Jodi said the gun control talk had a small attendance, mostly by pro-gun members which made the meeting very uncomfortable.

Events - Mary McIntyre said that there will be an after election party for Sharon Guidi at Al's Café beginning 8:30pm. There will be appetizers and one drink provided. This party is being hosted by Bethel Park, Upper St. Clair, and Sharon's campaign. Mary stated that North Hills Democrats complained about signs stating Lindsay Williams, Democratic Socialist Party.

Recruitment – Steve Nanc said that in 2019, there are four commissioner (Ward 3, Ward 5 and two open) seats and five school board seats open. After the election, we will have 90 days to find Democrats wanting to run for election. Natalie Livingston reported that Ward 3, Brookside is becoming more left leaning.

Outreach – Mary McIntyre reported that there are now eight openings for committee people. Steven Logan asked new committee people to send him bios for the website.

Elections – Jason Fincke said there are 18 poll watchers covering every ward and district. There is a system set up to input someone voting. Calls will be made after 3:30-4:00pm targeting Democrats that haven't voted. Mary McIntyre read a letter from Eileen Kelly in reference to poll bags (slate cards, certificates, etc.) Candidates have to pay to be on the slate cards and Eileen gave them a deadline. Noah Erwin (Sharon Guidi campaign) said that he will have slate cards for Sharon. Cards are to be picked up at Steve and Pat Nanc's house. In January, results of who voted will be available. October 29, 2019 is the last day for receipt of absentee ballots. Steve Nanc and Shirley McClory suggested taking donuts for poll workers. Mary McIntyre stated that there is a Kennedy/Lawrence dinner on Friday, November 2, 2019 and the cost is \$125

Data Mining – Bernadette Fincke created a database in Google Sheets which requires WiFi; she suggested using Hot Spot. Bernadette narrowed it down to: Name, Age, Phone1, Phone2, three Checkmark Columns (absentee ballot, Nov 6 voted, voter called). She needs volunteers to call Democrats that have not voted. She will also have manual copies for all poll watchers. Both poll watchers and phone bankers will have access to Google Sheets. Steve Nanc suggested using burner phone for calling. It was also suggested to text instead of calling. Bernadette said she needs laptops. Steven Logan offered two or three laptops for Bernadette to use and he will post information on the website

Finance/Fund Raising – Blaine Aikin said that some suggestions for fund raising were: bowling, golf, casino races, USC July flea market, Community Day, blues-on-blue.

Mary McIntyre talked about reimbursement policies. There were three policies for discussion: 1) anything over \$100 everyone votes on expenditure (except for Community Day), 2) less than \$100 receipts should be sent to treasurer Peg Babnick and a decision will be made, and 3) having a budget for each ward/district for a \$50 discrepancy fee (with receipts) to use at their discretion. Mary would like these policies to be included on the website. Deb Allen suggested that these

policies be revisited yearly. Steven Logan suggested writing the policies and then giving a copy to everyone to review and vote.

**Old Business:** There are Democrat shirts for sale.

**New Business:**

Jodi McClelland stated that Sharon Guide is a friend of Planned Parenthood.

Upcoming events:

October 25 – October Rally in CharValley – Scott Township Park – Free

November 2 – Kennedy/Lawrence dinner - \$125

The meeting ended at 8:45pm. There was a motion to adjourn by Steven Logan, seconded by Deb Allen.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Descutner