

## **Minutes of the Wyoming County Democratic Committee meeting**

May 29, 2018 , Tunkhannock Borough Building

### **1. Call to order and pledge of allegiance to the flag**

**2. Roll Call of Members:** Jeff Zimmerman, Nadia Villanueva, Sandy Goodwin, Cynthia Stevens, Joann Ritter,, Vicki Prekel, Laura A. Dickson, Michael Stabinsky, Susan Walter, Lynn Manheim, Ray Hammond. Officers: Sharon Neumane, Treasurer, Vice Chair Peg Ball, Chair Norm White, David Martin, Secretary

Present: Jeff Zimmerman, Nadia Villanueva, Sandy Goodwin, Cynthia Stevens, , Vicki Prekel, Laura A. Dickson, Lynn Manheim, Ray Hammond. Officers: Sharon Neumane, Treasurer, Vice Chair Peg Ball, Chair Norm White, David Martin, Secretary

Absent: Joann Ritter, Susan Walter, Michael Stabinsky

Visitors: Carl Bestedder, Barbara Reel.

3. Nomination and election of committee chair (including report of the nomination committee). There was a discussion of the lack of election certificates due to the late mailing from the County Director of Elections (they arrived after the meeting). David stated that he had a list of those who had received a winning number of votes and were present. These were considered as the newly elected committee members who had voting rights. The nomination committee nominated Laura Dickson as chair. No nominations were made from the floor. David moved that nominations be closed. Sharon seconded. The committee moved by voice vote to name Laura as chair. Norm White expressed his gratitude to the committee members for their help. Chair elect Laura presented a certificate of appreciation and going away gift to Chair Norm, and he relinquished the gavel to Laura. She thanked the members for their confidence in her.
4. Nomination and election of other officers. The nomination committee nominated Mike Stabinsky as vice-chair. There were no other nominations. He was so elected. Sharon was named for treasurer, and was approved. David was named as secretary and was so approved.
5. Other business:
  1. Appointment of vacant committee representatives. The newly elected committee members considered Jean Harris, Nicholson Twp, Pat Carbone for Tunkhannock #1, Abe Kukuchka in Eaton Twp, Karl Bestedder and Barbara Reel for Tunkhannock Twp #2, are considered for appointment as members of the committee. Norm Ball moved and David seconded a motion for them to be so appointed. So moved. Cynthia noted that Kevin Steele has left the area.
  2. Nomination and election of the representative to the state committee. Nadia expressed an interest in the state committee. Sharon moved and Vicki seconded her appointment. So moved.
  3. Approval of previous Meeting Minutes – David Martin/
    - a. Motion to accept made by Sharon, second by Jeff. So moved
    - b. Seconded by Jeff.
    - c. # in favor: All # Opposed: None

### **6. Treasurer's Report – Sharon Neumane**

a. Old Balance \$3557

b. New Balance: \$3617

I. Motion to accept made by: Cynthia

II. Seconded by Nadia

# in favor: All # Opposed: None.

7. Committee reports; The Moose brunch attendance and speakers were considered a success, but reservations were expressed as to the extra expenses entailed for cleanup and room reservations. Laura suggested 9/29 as the next event so that it coincides with Bradford and Susquehanna lunch and evening events and statewide candidate are more likely to come. Laura will explore our options and report to the committee.

#### **8. Old Business**

a. Democratic booth at Founder's day. Sandra stated that she can be there from 12-2, and Cynthia, Jeff and Vicky can help set up. Sharon has a pop-up canopy that can be used. Sharon paid for the space from the treasury.

#### **9. New Business**

a. County fair plans. Sharon stated that the Democratic women will help with pies. Sharon volunteered to chair the fair committee. Sharon moved and Jeff seconded sending \$100 to help with the \$15,000 campaign deficit that Judy Herschel owes. A motion was approved to send \$100.

b. Demfest at Knoebels 6/30. The founders day staff will try to promote this. Dwayne Heisler is promoting this on Facebook.

c. Up-date from affiliated organizations; Sharon explained the Women's federation activities and expenses. Pat moved sending \$60 to the Democratic Women's federation. Nadia seconded, and so moved. Sharon announced June 18<sup>th</sup> at Perkins will be the scholarship award from the Democratic Women's Society. Then the state Democratic Women's convention will be 6/23. On 6/24 regional directors will be recognized, including Nadia.

ci. Jeff asked that we call 888-736-1153 to ask Senator Baker to vote yes on bill 22, the anti-gerrymandering bill. He said the bill is better than what it was. Party affiliation will not be a legal redistricting factor.

cii. It was approved to send Commissioner Ron Williams a care basket during his recovery from illness.

d. The chair explained that later we will consider an formulation of an executive committee and a by-laws committee. Lynn, Cynthia and David volunteered to start on the review of by-laws and David suggested Jean as a member as well.

10. Adjournment, next meeting date and location. Laura suggested a picnic dish to pass meeting on July 24. Committee members should bring families (6 pm start). There will be a short meeting. She will finalize the date.