

## Minutes of the Wyoming County Democratic Committee meeting

October 2, 2018 , Perkins Restaurant, Tunkhannock

**1. Call to order**, pledge of allegiance to the flag

**2. Roll Call of Members: Present:** Jeff Zimmerman, Nadia Villanueva, Sandy Goodwin, Cynthia Stevens, Joann Ritter, Vicki Prekel, Norm and Peg Ball, Michael Klees, Ray Hammond. **Officers:** Sharon Neumane, Treasurer, Vice Chair Michael Stabinsky Chair Laura A. Dickson, David Martin, Karl Besteder, Barbara Wisniewski Reel, Pat Carbone, Jean Harris, Nadia Villanueva, Mike Kelly, Mary Pratt, Abe Kukuchka  
**Absent:** Lynn Manheim, Phillip Shebby, Patrick Mahoney, Molly Mahoney,  
**Excused:** Mike Stabinsky, Jean Harris, Howard Fisher, Norm and Peg Ball, Ryan Rowe, Susan Walter.

**3. Approval of previous Meeting Minutes – David Martin**

- a. Motion to accept made by Pat                      b. Seconded by Nadia
- c. # in favor: All # Opposed: none

**4. Treasurer's Report – Sharon Neumane**

- a. Old Balance \$2711,                      b. New Balance: \$ ?
- c. Motion to accept made by Barb                      d. Seconded by Pat
- e. # in favor: all # Opposed: 0

**5. Committee reports; The fall candidate breakfast; Proceeds from brunch \$1800 plus checks to be deposited**

By-Laws revision: Second reading of by-law revision. A discussion was held on the provision prohibiting support of candidates opposed to the Democratic candidate. Pat moved and Mike Klees seconded the acceptance of the revised bylaws, passed by unanimous vote.

**6. Old Business**

- a. appointment of members to vacant positions. Howard Fisher was voted in for Nicholson. Sharon also was so voted for Mehoopany Twp, both by unanimous vote..

**7. New Business**

a. Chairpersons were sought for the establishment of sub-committees. Volunteers were as follows: County fair, Sharon, Founders Day, Vicki and Mary, Nicholson Bridge Day, Cynthia, Triton Parade, Nadia, Picnic, Sandy, Barb and Carl, and for the Brunch, Pat. Nadia volunteered to chair the GOTV committee. Laura moved that she be chair, David seconded. Abe stated he will help her. GOTV will anticipate costs for each election and do the VAN training. Sharon recollected that in 2008 Nancy Kuzma volunteered her house for campaign use. Sharon will ask Henny if we can use the law office again.

b. The chair asks that requests for voter information to the Wyoming County Election Office be directed through her (the committee is limited to one free copy).

- c. Enrollment and schedule for Voter Access Network Training was discussed.

Nadia is taking the lead on training and coordinating voter contact.

**ci.** Laura talked to Chairs in surrounding counties re consideration of establishing a PAC to give money directly to a candidate, versus support by buying ads, yard signs and campaign literature. She stated that the other committees just buy advertising rather than establishing a PAC. She moved that we purchase ads and signs to support candidates. Abe seconded. Passed. Nadia stated that there is still time for buying the door cards for those canvassing. Sharon moved that we use the free handout from the three candidates. David seconded. Passed.

**cii.** Plans for Get out the vote until Nov. 6 were discussed.

**ciii.** Laura asked if we should purchase a sound system. Abe volunteered his own sound system for our events.

8. Up-date from affiliated organizations;

Dec 17 is the Democratic Women's Christmas party at 6 PM.

9. Items for the good of the party: Laura asked the committee approved some funds for door prizes at the celebration. Approved for \$100.

**c.** Nadia moved we obtain publications similar to the Action together brochure. She asked for \$1000 for publications. Nadia so moved. Sharon seconded. Passed. Laura will compose a donors letter and propose it be sent to the unions and other groups. On Oct 24, 5-7, Cynthia mentioned an event at Keystone College welcoming the new president.

10. Adjournment, next meeting date and location. Dec. 4, at Perkins.