

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

Feb. 19, 2019, 7 PM, Perkins Restaurant, Tunkhannock

1. Call to order, pledge of allegiance to the flag, Chair Laura Dickson, invocation, Ernie King

2. Roll Call of Members: Jeff Zimmerman, Sandy Goodwin, Cynthia Stevens, Michael Klees, Michael Stabinsky, Vice Chair, Laura A. Dickson, Chair, Howard Fisher, David Martin, Secretary, Excused: Karl Besteder, Barbara Wisniewski Reel, Lynn Manheim, Sharon Neumane, Treasurer, Mary Pratt, Pat Carbone, Vicki Prekel

Absent: Nadia Villanueva, Molly Mahoney, Jean Harris, Norm and Peg Ball, Ryan Rowe, Susan Walter, Abe Kukuchka, Joann Ritter, Patrick Mahoney, Phillip Shebby, Mike Kelly

Guest: Sandra and Ron Vicorek, Rick Hyduk, Mick Cronin, Noah Levinson, Marie and Ernie King

3. Approval of previous Meeting Minutes – David Martin/

a. Motion to accept made by Mike Stabinsky

b. Seconded by David

c. # in favor: All # Opposed: none

4. Treasurer's Report – Sharon Neumane (report attached to mailed agenda)

a. Old Balance: \$ 3,435.05

b. New Balance: \$ 3,349.01

c. Motion to accept made by Jeff

d. Seconded by Mike

e. # in favor: All # Opposed: none

5. Committee reports; a. There was no report on the spring candidate breakfast and speakers. Laura will check with the Susquehanna and Bradford county committees when she is in Hershey for the state committee meeting.

b. The picnic committee has reserved the Green Pavillion at Lazybrook for July 9, 2019, and the committee decided to open it to the whole community

6. Laura explained the fundraising letter that has been composed and will be sent out and posted to our web site and Facebook page. A link to a donation web site will be added.

6. Old Business

a. appointment of members to vacant positions, no action

New Business

7. Noah Levinson of Dalton addresses the committee on behalf of Marc Friedenberg the Democratic candidate for congress to replace Marino. He explained the dynamics of the race and the characteristics of the 12<sup>th</sup> district. They are seeking volunteers.

8. Naming of Executive Board for 2019: Cynthia, Sandy and Jeff are being considered by the chair and action will take place later.

9. State Committee meeting March 22-23, Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

10 Up-date from affiliated organizations and officials; Mike Stabinsky stated that he is still finding his way around the commissioner job. He answered a question concerning the prison phone system. The county gets \$20,000 from the system (same as used by the state) and he said it goes back to pay for TV and other prisoner expenses. He said there is no charge for calls to their attorneys.

11. Items for the good of the party: three county commissioner candidates introduced themselves. Ernie King explained he had been in business 40 years and has multiple college

degrees. He was mayor of Nicholson and looks forward to being a Democratic commissioner. Mick Cronin, said he came on a scholarship from Dublin, to get a finance degree, and he and Jennifer have three children. He's employed in Wilkes-Barre, and was 6 years on the T ASD School board, as vice chair of finance and was on negotiating committee and concluded his service as chair. Rick Hyduk said he moved here from Bradford county and is a free lance writer and owns Endless Mtn Lifestyles. He stated that Sullivan county runs a better meeting than this county. He says night meetings would be an improvement. He would like to see the jail census reduced. He went through ABT and it was a disheartening process. He said that we need to move people to a better position than we have here. He expressed thanks for the committees attention.

Jeff said he attended another Fair Districs meeting and they are still pusuing their agenda and they are trying to change the state consitution. He will add more next meeting.

12. Adjournment, next meeting date and location, March 19, at Perkins (Laura will verify).