

Minutes of the Wyoming County Democratic Committee meeting  
Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 7, via Webex, Tunkhannock

1. Call to order, pledge of allegiance to the flag.
2. Roll Call of Members: Jeff Zimmerman, Nadia Villanueva, Sandy Goodwin, Cynthia Stevens, Vicki Prekel, Abe Kukuchka, Lynn Manheim, Officers: Sharon Neumane, Treasurer, Michael Stabinsky, Vice Chair, Laura A. Dickson, Chair, David Martin, Secretary, Phillip Shebby, Patrick Mahoney, Molly Mahoney, Jean Harris, Nadia Villanueva, Howard Fisher, Barbara Reel, Karl Bestedder, Pat Carbone, Michael Klees, Caroline Ries, Janet and Bill Shaw

Present: Laura, Mike K, Barb, Karl, Laura, Patty, Cynthia, Howard, Sharon, Janet, Mike S., David, Bill

Excused: Mick, Sandra

Guests: Ernie

3. Approval of previous Meeting Minutes –

- a. Motion to approve made by Patty

- b. Seconded by Ernie

- c. # in favor: All # Opposed: none

4. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report – Sharon Neumane

- a. Old Balance \$ 8190.82

- b. New Balance: \$8214.48

- c. Motion to accept made by David

- d. Seconded by Cynthia

- e. # in favor: All # Opposed: none

5 Report from Ernie King, Commissioners update: Ernie spoke about a proposed nursing home and the involvement of Rep Boback and others. The commissioners are looking for broadband options. The Seneca Trail Park is now part of Eaton Twp. The prison has a staff shortage and all females are sent elsewhere. The DA got the drug sniffing dog grant but the project is not accepted yet. The "Heart and Soul" program is being looked at, as the county has the designation by the group. Deb Shurtliff is coordinating the theme "Wyoming County Proud." Ernie has been working with the group. He & Marie attended the Susquehanna Cnty picnic and met Senator and judge candidates, Laura Dumas and John Maguinan were there as well as Dr. Baumlin. Commissioners are worried about the ransomware issue and got on a list for stress testing the system. The data is to be backed up with a new system. Ernie is working with the IT manager, Brian. Commissioners are looking at solar energy projects. They awarded \$35,000 to the history alive participants. They are trying to establish a "stay out of prison" program. County residents will get a 20% tuition reduction from Keystone College. The Lake Carey dam has been declared unsafe and they are looking for funding. They are determining who owns the lake. The Ehab facility was purchased by a Hasidic group in NY city and they are renovating the old buildings. Social media has spread some false rumors about the group. The facility is now back on the tax rolls. He ran into reps of the group at the market and he introduced himself. There will be a permanent resident at the gate house.

6. Old business: The county party picnic is July 27, at 6 PM at the green pavillion at Lazybrook Park. Laura will supply disposables. They'll do a 50/50. Barb paid for a Pennysaver ad (Thanks!!). No candidates could come. Sharon stated that the insurance Co will make a proposal for the fair insurance. Laura mentioned the "gas" raffle discussion at the dinner for the Wyco Democratic Women's meeting. Patty expressed that a better use of the funds could be found. Sharon mentioned that the Examiner has a similar raffle.

Report on the results of the booth at Founders day: there was a big boost to the Wyco Democratic Women's scholarship fund.

Further discussion of the need for an EIN to buy Facebook ads; what are other county committees doing? Laura heard from the State, we are listed as "Wyoming Co Dem Com." Mike K will send note to Laura re the issue needing clarification.

Laura moved, Cynthia seconded that we purchase an ad in the Women's society convention program. So moved.

October 23, 2021 will be our candidate breakfast, Susquehanna will do lunch and Bradford the dinner. Laura has secured the Moose lodge. The State Committee meeting will be at Seven Springs and will last longer. It will be more of an expense.

7. New business: Bridge day in Nicholson is set for Sunday, Sept 12, at the Nicholson Carnival grounds. Cynthia will invite Jeff Mitchell and Cynthia and Howard will be there all day. She will pick up the material from Nancy, including yard signs. Laura has some signs and buttons and will bring to the picnic.

8. Adjournment, next meeting date Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 7