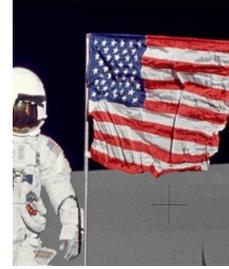


Minutes of the Wyoming County Democratic Committee meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2021, at 7, via Webex, Tunkhannock



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

Guests: Nancy

Excused: Bill and Janet Shaw, Mick

Present: David, Sandra, Jean, Howard, Pat M, Patty, Cynthia, Sharon, Mike, Laura, Barb and Karl

3. Approval of previous Meeting Minutes –

a. Motion to approve made by Patty

b. Seconded by Cynthia

c. # in favor: All # Opposed: none

4. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report – Sharon Neumane

a. Old Balance \$ 7852.08

b. New Balance: \$7733

c. Motion to accept made by Patty

d. Seconded by Jean

e. # in favor: All # Opposed: none. Discussion ensued re a possible refund if we don't go to the fair. It seemed like the Bridge day was more friendly. Admission is charged for the fair, vs free Bridge day.

5 Report from Fair and Bridge committees: We should have a conversation next year, but this year was vey unusual. Report from Ernie: The controversy re a big dock at Lake Winola, where the county owns part of the lake. The owner started a dock for three boats and had started dredging. The Heart and Soul group collected more than 400 surveys at the fair. Habitat is looking for a part time construction supervisor. Ernie was at the opening of the Fair and Mr Henry had shoulder surgery while Rick was still out recovering from surgery, so Ernie was the only Commissioner on duty. He attended a couple of Republican events involving Toomy and Keller. The Housing authority is working on a memorial for the late director. He attended the Twp convention, where there are 2500 agencies below the state level. Het me with PSU Extension Board. He continues to work on cyber security with a long range plan for all the county computers. In November Homeland Security will put our security system under attack and then later a re-test. He completed courses on risk management and is now designated to do that duty an save the county money. The Police dog did not get Borough approval. The Vet promised

free care. Tunkhannock Twp accepted it. It does search for missing persons too. He's been working on the county blight remediation program, and we moved some funds to Trehab, where Dennis Phelps is able administering. The properties will be improved. They are working with Habitat' "Brush with Kindness " program. They are looking for what type program they can implement and how enforcement would work. An agreement with Keystone College was signed to give collateral for their loan. Rick Wilbur will have a seat on their board to help protect the county investment.. Re the county recycling, all the prices are up 300% over the last year. Mike asked if the Twp can get help with their closed programs for recycling. An expensive problem is people dumping trash there. The cameras do help. They are still working on Tyler, and the state is interested in leasing space there, and maybe consolidate the medical offices so as to free up more room for leasing. He doesn't want more prisons, but wants more emphasis on mental health issues on several fronts as an alternative to incarceration . Jean mentioned a new Center for Ethics and Excellence in Public Service at the University of Scranton

6. Old business: The decision re the event at the Moose lodge October 23, at 10 AM was to be set for the candidate breakfast at the Moose Lodge. We discussed having a virtual meet and greet and Mike pointed out it may make it more likely that we get statewide candidates. Attendees would contact us for the entry information. Jean moved that Laura and Sharon communicate and establish a committee to do a virtual event to be competed before the election. The Women's Society would still do a raffle. Cynthia seconded. All in favor.

Report on the fair. Sharon pointed out that we lost a lot of money. Expenses were greater. \$416 just for the booth. She learned that the Fair will provide liability insurance for \$75. She'll look into it next year. Jean stated that we need a new conversation regarding the value of being there. We will decide this in January. Cynthia stated that the new Bridgeway day location was much better and they had good discussions. Ernie and Jeff stayed a long time and Jeff helped clean up. Howard and Jean were there as well as Arlene Zeme. Cynthia thought it was a great day.

Support for candidates, signage distribution, etc. Nancy and Patty have placed them for Jeff Mitchel.

Jean stated that voters need to ask for the mail in ballots each time. It sounds like it's automatic, but it's not. Barb stated that Flo will send the application out in February for the year.

7. Mike K asked about posting our meeting invitation to Facebook and it was agreed to do so. The committee is now set up for Facebook advertising. We can replicate our print ads going forward. There was an LGQBT event in Wilkes-Barre, where the Democratic chair was present. We should consider sending a Representative in the future to such out of county events, since there is nothing within the county. Jean will look into the college groups. Mike has been involved with the P&G group.

7. Adjournment, next meeting date Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2021, at 7.