

## Minutes of the Wyoming County Democratic Committee meeting

Nov. 24, 2020, via Webex, Tunkhannock

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



**Roll Call of Members:** Jeff Zimmerman, Nadia Villanueva, Sandy Goodwin, Cynthia Stevens, Vicki Prekel, Susan Walter, 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

Excused: Vicki, Laura,

Present: David, Mike Klees, Mike S, Pat Carbone, Pat M, Jean, Karl, Barb, Mick, Sharon, Cynthia, Lynn

3. Approval of previous Meeting Minutes –

a. Motion to accept made by Jean

b. Seconded by Cynthia

c. # in favor: All # Opposed: none

4. Treasurer's Report – Sharon Neumane , donation box at HQ was much used. Sharon made more deposits. The Sept ads were \$451. \$349 was paid to Cynthia for the door hangers, Laura purchased \$180 for Biden masks and was reimbursed. \$500 was expended for the Lamar billboard. Cash gifts were made for the food collection and we wrote two checks. We paid two electric bills for the HQ, about \$25 each. Sharon called the electric co and had the bill changed to the landlord. Pat C is sending a printer's bill and Walmart bill for about \$100.

a. Old Balance \$7804

b. New Balance: \$8165

c. Motion to accept made by David

d. Seconded by Pat M

e. # in favor: All # Opposed: none

5. Committee reports; none

6. Old business: Campaign Hq close up report. The folding table was the landlord's. Rick N took the banner over the door to storage. We saved the yard sign wires.

7. New Business: Participants expressed concern for the rapid recovery and return to service of Chair Laura Dickson, who had to miss the meeting, but conveyed her thanks to the committee members for diligent work leading up to the historic election results.

Regarding FEC registration, Sharon said she received the application back from Harrisburg because the signatures did not match. She is sending a new application tomorrow. Pat M suggested a donation to the GA senate races. Jean mentioned the legal limits that might apply and lack of precedent. Motion by Pat M and seconded by Cynthia to donate \$500 to the GA Senate campaign (split to each candidate). Approved. Pat C said she has been sending postcards to GA and can help others do so.

Consideration of getting a post office box and storage unit for the party. Mike K advocated this as a means of avoiding a “single point of failure” syndrome. Mike K suggested we eliminate the “single point of failure” represented by volunteer’s mail boxes and storage. Sharon said we have storage needs for every type event. Mike S will ask about access to the fair booth. No action taken, as this led to the discussion on the need for planning an annual budget. Jean suggested compiling a list of expenses and budget. Jean moved that we establish an ad hoc committee to determine annual operating budget. Pat C seconded. Approved. Mike, Pat, Jean and Cynthia are interested. The suggestion was that the ad hoc committee meet in early Jan. and Jean will be the contact person. Wednesday Jan. 6 at 7 pm is the meeting date. Jean will set up a Zoom meeting. Others are welcome to join. It was suggested that an email be sent. Jean moved and Sharon seconded that the executive committee contact the persons who signed the roster at the HQ to determine if they will join the committee.

8. Items for the good of the party: reports from affiliated organizations, Barb said we should pat ourselves on the back for a great job and everyone agreed. Sharon said Sandy deserves special recognition.

9. Adjournment, next meeting date and location Next meeting Tuesday Jan 26..