

Perry County Democrats Meeting Minutes
8/20/20

Participants: Karen Anderson, Sandy Achenbach, Mary Colledge, Cody Steigerlaid, Cindy Naylor, Steve Naylor, Alane Balchunas, Jane Hoover, Elaine Doran, Bill Bricker, Jerry Philpot, Debbie Whitmoyer, Emily Burt-Hetrick, Lorraine Wallett, Rick Ney, Susan Washinger, Jacob Zentichko, Barb Hench, Chris Stoner, Melanie Wertz, Evelyn D'Elia

Call to order: Meeting was held in the Wertz's front yard.

Minutes of July 16, 2020 were approved with no changes. *Motion to approve made by Alane, seconded by Mary. Motion passed.*

Treasurer's Report: Jerry reports \$2,582.13 in the bank with no current outstanding bills.

Old Business:

- **Events:**
 - a. Possible **"Blue Wave"** GOTV event at River Bend on Sunday October 18th?
The group discussed options and Melanie will call Riverbend and find out if they are following Covid prevention compliant practices, in the facility as well as in the kitchen. Once we determine how the facility is handling this, the committee will decide whether to move forward with the event. No decision made at this time.

New Business

- **Letter of Reference – Chris Stoner**
Mr. Stoner approached the Committee for a Democratic Letter of Reference for a job he is pursuing. The Committee doesn't presently have a policy for this request, no one has asked for one before this. After discussion, *Karen made motion to not write a letter of political reference at this time. Mary seconded the motion. Motion passed.*
- **2020 Candidates and Campaigns** – We are endorsing **George Scott and Lee Griffin** our district candidates, not forgetting the presidency. George Scott is running for state Senate John DiSanto's spot, 15th District and Lee Griffin is running for Federal District 12, currently held by Fred Keller and formerly held by Tom Marino.
 - a. **Committee opportunities to Volunteer**
 1. We must get yard signs out and Democrats out to Vote!
Lee would like signs back if they are just being thrown out.
 2. Phone calling, Melanie Has been coordinating with the campaigns. Emphasis will be on both candidates and mail in voting.
 3. Working at the polls, as voter greeters and precinct observers,
 4. Helping with letters to the editor,
 5. Possible "meet-and-greet house parties" in the Fall, if conditions permit.
 - b. **Donations to the Candidates:** Karen made a motion to donate \$200 for Lee Griffin and George Scott each. Steve amended that motion to donate \$1000 to George Scott's campaign. After discussion, *Karen made motion to approve donating \$1000 to George Scott's campaign and \$200 to Lee Griffins campaign. Mary seconded, Motion passed.*

- **Biden Harris signs** – Jacob reported that the Biden Harris signs will be here next week at a cost of \$253.00. This expenditure was approved last month.
- **Approval for pin cost** - Melanie asked the committee to approve the purchase of Bidin/Harris pins for approximately \$50.00. Karen made the purchase, at Melanie's request. *Motion to approve pins purchase was made by Steve and seconded by Mary. Motion passed.*
- **Vote in Mailing** - We discussed the need for the county to install ballot drop boxes. We also have asked several questions of the commissioners, which have not been answered. Mr. Bunt, the county solicitor, is refusing to answer any questions about the election until the pending lawsuit by the Trump administration has been settled, hopefully around Sept. 22.
- **New Officers** - We have changes in our officers. Mark is resigning as Chair, so he can heal and recover from his surgery and upcoming treatments. Helen is moving to Dauphin County and can no longer serve as secretary. Please sign the Thank you cards for both of them. Also, please sign the sign-up sheet for officer volunteers.
- **Future meetings**- The county office is open for meetings with masks and social distance req. Melanie will call to see about reserving the Extension Office for our next meeting.
- **Adjourn**

Next meeting – Sept. 17, 2020 6:30 PM. Location to be determined.