

Perry County Democrats Meeting Minutes – 7/16/20

Call to order by Melanie Wertz at 6:35PM

Attending via Zoom: Jacob Zentichko, Helen Michener, Elaine Doran, Bruce Carriker, Ann Miller, Evelyn D’Elia, Jerry Philpott, Tim Polcha, Steve and Cindy Naylor and Melanie Wertz

Minutes of June 18, 2020: Motion to approve as circulated by Jerry Philpott; Second by Elaine Doran; Motion Carried

Treasurer’s Report: Jerry reported a current balance of \$2582.11 with no outstanding bills

Old Business:

1. Events:

- a. The Perry County Fair - August 18-22, 2020 – cancelled.
- b. Our August Committee meeting was moved back to August 20, due to the Fair being cancelled.
- c. Our **Picnic** is scheduled for August 29th at 5:00PM at Lupfer’s Grove. Discussion re whether or not to have...decision made to cancel out of an abundance of caution during the Covid 19 Pandemic
- d. Newport Canal days - cancelled
- e. Possible **“Blue Wave”** GOTV event at River Bend – Sunday October 18th? Discussion re whether to have...due to the date being approx. 3 months out it was decided to plan to have and re-evaluate at the next meeting. Melanie will arrange for a music act.

2. Senior Centers – Mail in voting

Follow-up from our February meeting ...as of now it seems that most centers are only open for a short time to distribute meals for meals on wheels...there was some discussion re developing a flyer but no decision made.

3. Democratic candidate to replace Judge Morrow who is retiring. The candidate who had originally volunteered from Juniata County withdrew her name...plan will be to attempt to find a candidate the next time the judgeship is on the general election.

4. Election Final Report- Melanie contacted Bonnie Delancy...full results are available online at present. Melanie did arrange with Bonnie to pick up our copy of results from election night (upcoming general)from Bonnie the following morning to avoid confusion.

Website and Social Media Update – Jacob is continuing to fine tune our mailing list as well as update site.

New Business

- **2020 Candidates and Campaigns** – For November, **George Scott** will be our main local focus, not forgetting the presidency. We must get Democrats out to Vote! Bruce Carriker from the Scott campaign noted the following:
 - **They will provide as many signs as we can distribute...**they are looking for options of signs that can be placed in Public places 30 days before the election and hopefully for private sites for signs now.
 - **They are encouraging folks to push “Vote by mail”**
 - Bruce clarified some events as to whether they are still on...he is asking if we hear of any event that George could attend to please let the campaign know
 - They will be relying heavily on texting and phone banking for anyone who wishes to volunteer.
- Melanie has **George Scott** signs for folks to put up....due to Mark’s surgery all the signs will be at Melanie’s
- Possible “meet-and-greet house parties” in the Fall, if conditions permit.
- We have been contacted by the **Lee Griffin** campaign. Lee is our candidate for US House of Representatives, Pennsylvania's 12th District. They will be holding a virtual “meet-and-greet” on July 30th from 7:00 to 8:00. His website is <https://www.leegriffinforcongress.com/>
- Partnering effort with Mifflin Co and Juniata Co for digital billboards on route 322? This was presented and approved for a \$375 commitment at the June meeting...when exploring further it was noted there needed to be a Three month commitment...after discussion it was decided to forgo this opportunity and put the money to better use elsewhere
- General welcome to new member Tim...discussion followed re need to involve more younger folks...what attracts them...how we can involve them with social media being the “cornerstone” of their communication.
- Biden yard signs: Melanie and Jacob have been getting calls for Biden signs, Jacob found a representative from Warren County who thru their county committee is ordering signs for \$1.50 per sign Motion was made to order 200 signs by Jerry Philpott; second by Evelyn D’Elia: motion carried. Jacob will order. **Secretary note:** after meeting Jacob was given info that signs will arrive mid-August and will have both Biden and his VP pick on the sign.
- Mark update: Melanie reported Mark had his surgery on Tuesday at Johns Hopkins and all went well!!! He is hoping to come home early next week and will be recovering for approx. 8 weeks at home.

- Anything else? Helen Michener shared that she and Bob will moving from Perry County in mid to late September....will continue as secretary thru August...but will need a replacement after the August meeting.

Next meeting – August 20, 2020 6:30 PM PM in the Veterans Memorial building, if possible, or again by Zoom.

Adjourn