

Perry County Democrats Monthly Meeting

Minutes for 10-15-2020

Attendees:

Susan Washinger Karen Anderson

Rick Ney Gwen Sout

Kim Ney Barb Hench

Mary Colledge Kirk Hench

Steve Naylor Lee Griffin

Cindy Naylor Gulsham Griffin

Bruce Carriker George Scott

Jacob Zentichko

By Zoom:

Melanie Wertz Alane Balchunas

Emily Burt-Hedrick Karen Shields

Jane Hoover Debbie Whitmoyer

Ann Miller Jill Beck (not sure of last name)

The October meeting was held in the Perry County Courthouse and was called to order by Jacob Zentichko, Chair, at 6:30pm.

Jacob introduced George Scott, Democratic candidate for State Senate in our District, the 15th. George talked about the 15th District and his opponent. It's a very diverse district and a swing district that we can and must flip. His opponent has the most conservative record of all the state Senators. His opponent also was responsible for delaying the vote on redistricting which stopped it altogether. George presented his positions on important topics and the reasons he can win this race.

Jacob next introduced Lee Griffin, candidate for US Congress in the 12th District. Lee gave us his background – farm experience in his youth, both parents were public school teachers, etc. He presented his stance on health care, agriculture, lack of rural hospitals, climate change, immigrants and the economy.

Both candidates fielded questions.

Then, Jill Beck introduced herself via Zoom. She's from the Pittsburgh area and may run for Superior Court next year.

Business meeting:

Jacob gave a heads up to be aware that in December, people are appointed to positions in townships, municipalities and boroughs. If anyone is interested reach out.

There was a motion to approve last month's minutes by Mary Colledge and seconded by Gwen Soult. It was voted on and passed.

The Treasurer was absent so there was no report.

Jacob reported the old PO Box in Shermans Dale has been closed. Also, there is still an open Borough Council seat in Duncannon. If anyone is interested please contact them.

Discussion turned to the upcoming election. We discussed how to sign up to volunteer, and Melanie Wertz apologized for the confusion that was caused by the County. There was lengthy discussion of the election process and the confusion.

George Scott announced he will be participating in the Marysville Parade on Monday, October 19th, at 6:30pm. He would like people to walk with him, contact Bruce at Bruce@georgescottPA15.com or 717-414-1488.

Questions were taken and answered from Zoom participants.

Jacob announced he still has yard signs available. He also is planning an election night Zoom party he will set up.

Finally, Gwen Soult announced there are 2 empty seats on the Susquenita School Board if anyone is interested.

The next meeting is Thursday, November 19th, at 6:30pm. The location will be announced at a later date.

Mary Colledge made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rick Ney. Motion approved.

Minutes submitted by Karen Anderson