

KUTZTOWN AREA DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Meeting Minutes

April 13th 2009

Present: Karen Feridun, Rich Stine, Rosie Skomitz, Ron Stouffer, Dick Horton, Breezy, Robert Johns, Richard and Helen Manderbach, John Scott, Cate Chensel, Charles Corbit, Kathi Ember, Ladd Forsline, Darree Sicher and Chuck Brown. Meeting was held at TC's and was called to order at 7:10.

Minutes: Ron moved that the minutes of the March 8th and March 29th meetings be approved as written, seconded by Rosie. Approved by all.

Treasurer's Report: Rich presented the March receipts and disbursements and the bank balance. He also made copies of the 2009 budget for everyone to be reviewed under new business. Ron motioned that the report be accepted and filed for audit, Dick seconded and all approved.

Committee Reports: There was just one committee report. Breezy announced that the probable statistics committee was moderately successful and showed us his design of the new American Gothic to be used at the Earth Day event.

Old Business: Rich reported that the contribution to Bill Mackey's campaign had been sent. Karen reported that we have a full table at the Berks County Democrats Spring Fling. 10 people will be attending from the club. Kathi reported that there are 4 volunteers for the Earth Day Event at Reading's Riverfront Park on April 19th.

New Business:

- The new business portion of the meeting got off to a lively start with the proposal from Karen that we endorse candidates in the primary race. Certain members of the club feel that a candidate should have to earn our endorsement and that it will be more meaningful over just supporting every Democrat that runs for office. (So say Rich Santorum switches parties we don't just "support" him because he's a Democrat) There was some question about whether this was allowed by the bylaws but there is nothing that specifically prevents endorsements of candidates. Dick motioned; John seconded that we support all countywide candidates in this spring's election and with one dissenting vote the measure passed. Since the overall concept of endorsing progressive candidates was not resolved we will have to revisit it after the spring elections.
- Charles Corbit stressed the need for organizing at the polls in the May 19th primary so that there wasn't a duplication of effort by all the different candidates. Rosie pointed out that for Bill Mackey this was a special *election* and that we needed to get people in that district out to vote.
- Karen reported that there is finally hope on the horizon with KU coordinating with the KADC. We look forward to that development.
- Committee volunteers were sought. Cate Chensel stepped down from the Education and Communication committee headed by Kathi Ember and will chair the Fundraising committee. Volunteers are already in place for the summer picnic. Linda will head up the Legislative/Candidates Committee. But more volunteers are needed. Kathi asks that anyone who has an idea for the Potluck meetings to please share it with her.
- The 2009 Budget was reviewed and it was felt that the revenues might be overoptimistic by \$3000. Some decisions were made to cut expenses accordingly and the remainder of the cuts will be discussed by the executive committee and presented to the club at the next business meeting.
- Karen reported that a list of all candidates in the regions have been posted on the website in a user-friendly format. Everyone agreed that Karen has done a wonderful job in designing the new website. Hats off to Karen!
- Everyone liked the atmosphere at TC's and suggested having more meetings like this in an informal setting

Upcoming meetings: Potluck and Politics April 26th 6PM with Judge Paula Patrick, Business meeting May 10th 7PM. Watch the website for other upcoming events and mark your calendars for the KADC 5th Anniversary Summer Picnic on July 11th!

Submitted by Cate Chensel