

# KUTZTOWN AREA DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Meeting Minutes June 14, 2009

**Present:** Karen Feridun, Rich Stine, Rosie Skomitz, Ron Stouffer, Dick Horton, Vanessa Moore, Robert Johns, Colleen Fitzgerald, Jeff Sicher, Darree Sicher, Deb James, Steve Forchetti, Richard Manderbach, Helen Manderbach, Cate Chensel, Kathi Ember, Breezy, Chuck Brown and Ladd Forsline. Meeting was held at TC's and started at 7PM

## Reports:

- Colleen reported on the movies she has been lining up for club viewing and fundraising sales. Don't miss *End of America* at the Potluck and Politics meeting June 28<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. Guest speakers Annelies and Rudy Visser will lead the discussion after the movie. This is one of the movies we will be offering to club members and later selling at events.
- Rosie said over 400 people rocked the rotunda in Harrisburg at the Healthcare Rally on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Another is scheduled for September (date TBA, possibly the 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>) and this time she would like thousands to show up for this important issue.
- Darree reported on the US-FA conference at KU. Dave Kessler was one of speakers. Speakers on this issue will also be at the MAREA Energy Fest in September and a York/ Berks conference is being attempted soon.
- Dick reminded everyone of the County meeting in Topton on June 20<sup>th</sup>
- Cate Chensel asked for volunteers to perform at the July 11<sup>th</sup> Picnic/Carnival. Even after volunteers were nominated we still have a need for stilt walkers, mimes and clowns. Please help.
- Karen announced that the club has an energetic intern, Erica Yurvati. Welcome Erica. She also informed the club that Pay Pal is in the process of being added as payment option for the picnic and dues.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rich presented the May receipts and disbursements and the bank balance and the report was approved for audit.

**Minutes:** Dick motioned, Rosie seconded that the May minutes be approved as written.

## New Business:

- A motion by Ladd to purchase a button maker for the club was seconded by Kathi and approved by those present.
- Ladd moved and Vanessa seconded that the club business meetings revert back to 240 Walnut Street in Kutztown instead of TC's. Other venues were also discussed. The vote failed but it was suggested that club members be polled about their preference in meeting places and Karen has already sent the poll to our members and will report the results at the next business meeting.

## Old Business:

- Article II of the club's bylaws states: *The purpose of the Democratic Club of Kutztown shall be to promote the ideals of the Democratic Party. To seek, endorse and support qualified candidates for elected and appointed offices of Local, County, State and Federal Government.* In the past this has been a contentious issue, especially during the primaries and no real policy about how the club will seek, endorse and support candidates exists. A motion was made and later withdrawn that would require 66% of the club to endorse a candidate. Amendments to the bylaws must be submitted in writing and read at one meeting, then voted on at another. A committee was formed to hammer out the details and submit such a policy to be voted on by the club. Karen, Ron, Chuck, Kathi, Colleen and Ladd will be on the committee.

**Upcoming meetings: Potluck and Politics June 28th 6PM with speakers and film "End of America" Please be on time as the film will start around 6 and we will eat as we watch (240 Walnut St, Kutztown) KADC Picnic/ Carnival on July 11<sup>th</sup> at the Rockland Rod and Gun Club. Please RSVP by July 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be no business meeting in July. The July Potluck on July 26th will feature the film Do No Harm about Healthcare reform.**

Note: Please submit any items you would like discussed at the business meetings to Karen before the meeting

Submitted by Cate Chensel