

# KUTZTOWN AREA DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Meeting Minutes      March 8, 2009

**Present:** Rosie Skomitz, Ron Stouffer, Kathi Ember, Derek Mace , Richard and Helen Manderbach, Cate Chensel, Karen Feridun, Colleen Fitzgerald, Dick Horton, .Sandy Green, and Charles Bron

**Minutes:** Dick Horton moved, and Kathi Ember seconded that the Minutes from the February meeting be approved as written. Approved by all.

**Treasurer's Report:** Richard Stine was in Hong Kong but Karen reported on the account balance and Kathi moved, Rosie seconded to approve the report. Approved. Dick Horton pointed out that we still had not approved a budget for 2009. *Budget suggested by Mary Henry-Moss at the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting was approved in short business meeting as part of the March 29<sup>th</sup> Potluck and Politics meeting*

**Membership:** Richard reported that we had 111 paid members. 500 letters went out in February and there were some returns so an effort will be made to update the mailing list.

**New Business:** Kathi motioned, Ron seconded that we send flowers to Larry at the hospital. Approved. After much discussion Dick Horton motioned, Helen seconded that the meetings would remain the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. The business meeting to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 7PM and the Potluck and Politics on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 6PM. Approved. An exception was allowed for March 29<sup>th</sup> as the speaker had already been lined up. A \$50 honorarium was proposed for speakers at the Potluck & Politics meetings, though there was some discussion about political candidates running for offices being exempt from the honorarium. Finally Kathi motioned, Rosie seconded that a \$50 honorarium be offered to speakers or their cause, with the exception of political candidates running for office. Motion was approved by vote. Kathi motioned, Dick seconded that we participate in Reading's Earth Day on April 19<sup>th</sup> at Riverfront Park. Karen will be check into the KU Earth Day. Rosie motioned, Kathi seconded that the club purchase a portable hard drive for the club's use so that records could be kept and passed on to the next officers electronically. (Approximate cost \$70) Approved. Kathi motioned, Rosie seconded that a ¼ page ad be purchased for the club in the Berk's County Democratic club's spring fling program. Approved

Sandy Green , Kutztown's mayor, introduced Derek Mace who is running for a borough council seat. Some watches with President Obama's likeness were presented as possible fundraisers but rather than make an investment it was decided that possibly we could create a link on our website to the manufacturer. Thanks were offered to Chuck for a column in Commonsense . Discussion about the creating/need for volunteers on various committees was commenced but it was decided we could continue at a meeting that was better attended.

*All items in italics were approved at the business portion of the March 29<sup>th</sup> Potluck and Politics meeting: Draft budget for 2009 prepared by Mary was distributed and approved. Voted to pay for a table at the Spring Fling event in the event that 10 people sign up. Cost of ticket to be reimbursed by people attending. Rosie is collecting \$5 patron contributions. Voted to hold April business meeting on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at TC's 7PM. Bill Mackey asked for the club's support for the May 19<sup>th</sup> special election. Voted to contribute \$500 n to his campaign. Survey forms for potential dates of the club's summer picnic were distributed. Asked for volunteers for Earth Day.*

**Upcoming meetings: Business meeting Monday April 13<sup>th</sup>. Potluck and Politics April 26<sup>th</sup> 6PM with speaker Judge Paula Patrick**

Submitted by Cate Chensel