

KUTZTOWN AREA DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Meeting Minutes May 10th 2009

Present: Karen Feridun, Rich Stine, Rosie Skomitz, Ron Stouffer, Dick Horton, Breezy, Robert Johns, John Scott, Cate Chensel, Colleen Fitzgerald, Kathi Ember, Ladd Forsline, and Chuck Brown. Meeting was held at TC's and started at 7:04 with a presentation to the group by Kevin McCarthy about his bid for the Superior Court in the May 19th primary. After speaking and answering questions he excused himself to return to Pittsburgh and the meeting was called to order at 7:40.

Minutes: Dick moved that the minutes of the April 13th meeting be approved as written, seconded by Kathi. Approved by all.

Treasurer's Report: Rich presented the April receipts and disbursements and the bank balance. He also went over the changes to the 2009 budget with the group. Basically, this involved decreasing the receipts and disbursements by \$3000 from the January budget. Dick motioned that the report be accepted and filed for audit and that the new budget be adopted for 2009, Kathi seconded and all approved. The KADC website is now in our name and Jenna Woginrich was reimbursed for her support of the website over the years. (This resolution was passed at the April Potluck and Politics meeting on April 26th)

Committee Reports: The Fundraising Committee will be meeting in the next two weeks to decide on a menu and suggest some activities for this year's Picnic on July 11th. Meanwhile quotes are being sought from CC's grill, Lunch to You and Habanero Hog. The Miscellaneous Committee will be meeting in the next week too.

New Business:

- Colleen spoke to the club about a film available for purchase for a summer Potluck and Politics meeting and Ron and Rosie thought it might tie in with an activist from the Netherlands they would like to have address the group. Since the broadband connection was down at the time several questions regarding the cost of the film and how it could be used could not be answered so Colleen will report to the group at the next meeting.
- AfterDowningStreet contacted the KADC about solidarity on the issue of prosecuting former administration officials for torture. John motioned; Ron seconded that we support that measure. The motion passed with two dissensions.
- Chuck Brown spoke about the money that the GOP is spending in the May 19th special election and asked members of the club to step forward and help Bill Mackey win that state seat. Chuck will be heading up a group to canvas and make phone calls in Hamburg on Sunday, May 17th from Noon to 4PM. We are meeting at Fred Sheeler's at 412 S. 4th Street in Hamburg at noon and more volunteers are needed. Please contact Chuck Brown at cbbook@verizon.net if you can volunteer for an hour or more on Sunday to help elect Bill Mackey.

Old Business:

- Karen printed copies of the bylaws for everyone and they are also now posted on The KADC website. The questions most discussed were whether we should be organized as a PAC or a political party and the issue of seeking, supporting and endorsing good candidates, especially in the primaries. What would be our criteria for endorsing a specific candidate? And what percentage of the group would need to agree before such an endorsement was made? The hour was late and Kathi motioned that we adjourn with the understanding that everyone would review the by-laws for discussion at the next meeting. John seconded and the meeting was adjourned by vote.

Upcoming meetings: Potluck and Politics May 24th 6PM with Mike Hoffman, Founder of the Iraq Veterans Against the War (240 W Walnut Street), Business meeting May 14th 7PM at TC's. 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