



Chester Democratic Town Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 — 7 pm at Chester Town Hall and via Zoom

Call to Order	Chairman Erik Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
Roll Call Attendance	Members in attendance: Erik Anderson, Linda Carlson, Lorraine Connelly, David Fitzgibbons, Bob Lee, Ray Lemley, Ed Meehan, Michael Peck, Michael Price (Zoom), Susanne Spellacy, Roseann Ventimiglia, Dan Wrightsman Guests in attendance: Deborah Vilcheck
Adoption of October 3 Minutes (motion required)	Chairman Erik Anderson asked to move approval of the minutes until the November 14 meeting.
Current 2023 Campaign [Erik Anderson]	<p><i>Current 2023 Campaign</i></p> <p>Lori Ann Clymas had submitted an invoice from the Hive for \$80 (4 hours @ \$20/hr) for hosting a candidate meet and greet.</p> <p>Motion by Bob Lee to authorize payment of \$80; second by Linda Carlson. Discussion — EA: The sessions are not just for the selectman candidates, but for all the Democratic candidates. Passed.</p> <p>Bob Lee distributed proofs of the large campaign flyer for the contested races. A later flyer is planned for the entire slate. EA: Richard Strauss and Erik Anderson are technically not contested. Bios and/or pics for Michael Jordan, Justin Kronholm, John Connelly, and Michael Joplin are still needed. EA: We still need bios but if those people do not respond, we will move on.</p> <p>Lorraine Connelly: We have eight letters to the editor in development.</p> <p>EA: Re unofficial checkers, Pat Holloway is available. LAC will make GOTV calls in the morning. Vic Fetter says he has all the poll workers needed. Bob Lee will be Temporary Deputy Registrar of Voters. Unofficial checkers will be Lori Ann, Roseann, Jan Taigen, Dan Wrightsman, and Peg Meehan.</p> <p>Phone banks will start the coming weekend. Calls can be made from home. Callers are needed. A VAN computer app makes it easy. There is a script.</p> <p>EA: Cindy has been running much of this herself. We must be careful about burning out the candidates. But I feel pretty good about Cindy and Pat.</p> <p>RV: Middlesex Chamber of Commerce had a candidate forum. Cindy did really well.</p> <p>EM: Peg has a list for phone bankers. Usually we do it the Wednesday and Thursday before the election, then on Election Day starting at 2 pm.</p> <p>EA: We need pollstanders on Election Day. Will set up about 6:30 am. No schedule needed; haphazard is fine.</p>
October 22 Fall Social preparation	<p>RV: We are gathering door prizes. We have a number of merchant door prizes. MPrice: Do we need anything else?</p> <p>LCarlson: We need card tables. We also need people to sign up to bring food. I have decorations and gourds. Insurance for the event is quoted at \$545 because we will serve alcohol; it would be \$200 without. MPeck suggested expanding the covered hours to 8 pm.</p> <p>Motion by Ed Meehan to authorize spending up to \$1000 for insurance covering 4 to 8 pm; second by Ray Lemley. Discussion — MPeck: Need the binder to say 4 to 8 pm. LCarlson: Insurance is Worldwide, through the Stark Agency. Passed.</p>

LC: We also need help with setup. RV: Noon would be better time to start. Roseann and Linda would like to be seated inside collecting admission donations.

LCarlson: Brian Wilkens will play live music, signed up from 4 to 7.

EA: Christine Palm and Norm Needleman will attend. Possibly Sean Scanlon.

We will pay Brian Wilkens \$200. We will have name tags. Turnout last year was awful.

RV: There was an \$1800 donation from [inaudible] event. William Tong will send \$500.

MPeck: What would be considered a success? RV: Would like to see \$2000.

Adjourn (motion
required — non-
debatable)

Motion by Michael Peck; second by Ray Lemley. Passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.
