



AGENDA

Indiana Township Democratic Committee ("ITDC")

Meeting 7:00 PM Tuesday June 21, 2022

Indiana Township Municipal Building Saxonburg BLVD, Pittsburgh PA 15238

In attendance:

- Dist 1 - Amy Giammattei and Jonathan Spatz
- Dist 2 - Vanessa Lynch and Ronald P Frank
- Dist 3 - Barbara Cisek and Pete Radich
- Dist 4 - Sarah Hertweck and Philip R. Buchwalter
- Dist 5 - Ellen Kight and David Allison

Call to Order

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- Item 1 **Minutes of June 16 meeting.** *See Attachment A*
- Item 2 **Committee members voicing of their hopes for action by ITDC**
- Item 3 **Ideas for events to meet constituents and candidates.**
- Item 7 **Next Meeting** *Location and timing*
- Item 8 **Any other business**
- Item 9 **Motion to adjourn**

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Attachment A

Minutes

Indiana Township Democratic Committee ("the Committee")
2022 Reorganization Election Meeting
7:00 PM Thursday, June 16
Trinity United Church of Christ, 3712 Saxonburg Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15238

In Attendance:

- Dist. 1 - Amy Giammattei and Jonathan Spatz
- Dist. 2 - Vanessa Lynch and Ronald Frank
- Dist. 3 - Barbara Cisek and Pete Radich
- Dist. 4 - Sarah Hertweck and Philip Buchwalter
- Dist. 5 - Ellen Kight and David Allison

Guests:

- James Mitnick, Indiana Township Resident
- Becky Kennedy, Indiana Township Resident
- Beth Spatz, Indiana Township Resident
- Allison Stein Fox Chapel Borough Democratic Committee Chairperson
- Dick Edgecombe, Fox Chapel Borough Democratic Committee

Call to Order by Chairperson, David Allison, 7PM

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Roundtable Introduction - Each committee member introduced themselves and gave a little background as to why they were interested in serving on the Committee. In addition, guests were also introduced.

1. Minutes from the previous Committee meeting

- a. Minutes were not available

2. Election of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary of the Committee

- a. Motion by Dave Allison to nominate Jonathan Spatz as Chairperson of the Committee. There were no other nominations. Ron Frank moved with a second from Barbara Cisek to elect Jonathan Spatz as Chairperson of the Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.
- b. Motion by Jonathan Spatz to nominate Barbara Cisek for Vice-Chairperson of the committee seconded by Sarah to elect Barbara Cisek as Vice-Chairperson. Motion by Dave Allison to nominate Rebecca Kennedy for Vice-Chairperson was withdrawn for lack of a second to Dave's motion. Motion by Jonathan Spatz to nominate Barbara Cisek for Vice-Chairperson was approved unanimously.



- c. **Motion by Jonathan Spatz with a second by Barbara Sicek to nominate Ellen Kight as Secretary of the Committee.** No other candidates were nominated. Dave Allison moved with a second by Ron Frank to elect by affirmation Ellen Kight as Secretary of the Committee. **The motion approved unanimously.**
- d. Discussion occurred with the input from the Fox Chapel Committee that it would be possible to add three more members to the Committee by appointment since the three elected officers, Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary were all members of the Committee. Replacements for these three officers may be appointed by the Chairperson. The new committee members coming from District 5(woman), District 3(woman) & District 1(man). Members of The Committee will work on recruiting three new members and will report back at the next meeting.

3. Appointment of the Treasurer of the Committee

- a. **Chairperson Jonathan Spatz appointed James (Jim) Mitnick, democrat and resident of Indiana Township, to be Treasurer of The Committee.**
- b. Proposal to acknowledge the service of David Allison, Chairperson (2020-2022), Rebecca Kennedy, Vice-Chairperson (2010-2022), Barry Wingard, Secretary (2018-2022) and Ben Allison, Treasurer (2014-2022). Philip Buchwalter made a motion with a second by Barbara Cisek to honor the above for their wonderful and long- time service to the Committee. Motion was approved unanimously.

4. Financial Report

Dave Allison explained that there is no financial report as records are no longer available. There had been a small amount of money in an account which the Committee rarely used. The funds had been deposited into a Bank account (he did not mention which bank), but when the Bank started charging fees, over 10 years, the account dwindled to almost nothing, was left untouched and was finally turned over to the PA Treasury, unclaimed property! The last check was written by Barbara Cicek for flowers for Paul Klaus' funeral. Paul was past Chairperson of the Committee.

5. Bank Account and Fundraising

- a. There was a lot of discussion regarding opening a new bank account, the need to have an EIN number, (Federal Employee Identification Number) and the need to comply with FEC (Federal Election Commission) campaign finance laws. Jim Mitnick will follow through with establishing an EIN number and opening a bank account for the Indiana Township Democratic Committee at a bank of his choosing. Allison from the Fox Chapel Committee said that they had an account at Dollar Bank. Dave handed a check from ACDC for \$200 to Jim. That was given to the committee as seed money and several other members of the committee wrote checks to contribute to the fund. Jim said that he would match the amount given to date. **Sarah Hertweck moved with a second from Ron Frank to require two signatures on each check over \$500. In discussion, Jim said he would like all checks to have two signatures – his and the Chairperson. Sarah offered that amendment to her motion and the amended motion was approved unanimously.**



6. Committee Vision & Strategy

- a. **Issue of where to have polling place in District 5.** At present it is at Fairview School, but there is concern about continuing at the school when students are present. There was a suggestion of having a conversation with the Fox Chapel School District to see what could be done. It was noted that the County Committee would be making the final decision and to talk about the issue with Mark Vanderven, the County Field Officer for the County Committee. Members of the Indiana Twp. Committee will explore other possibilities within District 5 for a new polling place.
- b. There was a recommendation to set up a new email account for the Committee, which would be indianatownshipdems@gmail.com.
- c. Ideas for committee activities
 - i. Jonathan suggested door hangers letting people know who we are and activities of the committee. He also suggested getting candidate signs to post all over the Township
 - ii. Event with candidates
 - iii. Collaboration with Fox Chapel Democratic Committee and other democratic committees in the Fox Chapel School District to have a joint event to highlight candidates, get out the vote, registration etc.
 - iv. Collaborate with the Valley Democrats to have an additional joint event in the Allegheny Valley to highlight candidates.
 - v. Sarah will work on pricing for door hangers
 - vi. It was suggested that we make assignments at the next meeting of people willing to work on setting up events and making and distributing door hangers.

7. Next Meeting of the Committee

- a. It was decided that regular meetings will be held on the **third Tuesday** of every month at the Indiana Township municipal building. The next scheduled meetings before the mid-term election will be July 19, August 23, September 20 and October 18, 2022. A discussion ensued on the advisability of have a more immediate meeting to discuss members' wishes fo actions.

8. Other Business

- a. None

9. Motion to Adjourn

- a. 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted, Ellen Kight, Secretary.
June 19, 2022