INDIANA TOWNSHIP



DEMOCRATS

AGENDA

Indiana Township Democratic Committee ("ITDC")

Meeting 7:00 PM Tuesday July 18, 2023

Indiana Township Municipal Building - Town Hall Classroom

3710 Saxonburg Blvd, Pittsburgh PA 15238

Enter through community room entrance

The meeting is open to all visitors.

Committee:

Dist 1 - Amy Giammattei and Jonathan Spatz
Dist 2 - Vanessa Lynch and Ronald P Frank
Dist 3 - Barbara Cisek
Dist 4 - Sarah Hertweck and Philip R. Buchwalter
Dist 5 - Ellen Kight and David Allison
Treasurer: - Jim Mitnick
Adjunct Members: – Richard Souza (Dist. 1) and Jonathan Neumann (Dist. 5)

Invited guests:
Allison Stein, Fox Chapel DC: Kevin Kerr, Aspinwall DC: and Stacey Vernallis O'Hara DC.

Call to Order & The Pledge of Allegiance

Item 1 **Minutes of June 20, 2023 meeting.** *Attachment A*

Item 2 **Picnic August 26, 2023.**

2.1 Financial contributions from FC (Allison), Aspinwall (Kevin) and O'Hara (Stacey).
2.2 Flyer invitation to reflect "Indiana Township Democratic Committee" or "Fox Chapel Area Democratic Committees" *Attachment B*
2.2 Update on invitations to state and national politicians. – Richard
2.4 Note County Health Department no longer participating --Ron
2.5 Idea to do a non-perishable food collection that day. --Ron ?
2.4 Participation by Rural Ridge Fire Dept. & Qrs -- Barbara

Item 3 **Support for IT Supervisors District 1, 2, 3, 4. -- Vanessa**
Use of Vote Builder
Meeting & Canvassing plans, phone and text, signs.
Fox Chapel and O'Hara committees offer to help with canvassing

Item 5 **Treasurer's Report**

Item 6 **Next Meeting** *Tuesday August 18, 2023*
Need volunteer to chair this meeting

Item 8 **Any other business**

Item 9 **Motion to adjourn**

Attachment A

Minutes

Indiana Township Democratic Committee Tuesday June 20, 2023
Indiana Township Municipal Building - Town Hall Classroom

In Attendance :

Dist 1 - Amy Giammattei and Jonathan Spatz
Dist 2 -
Dist 3 -
Dist 4 - Sarah Hertweck and Philip R. Buchwalter
Dist 5 -
Treasurer: - Jim Mitnick
Adjunct Member: – Richard Souza (Dist. 1)
Supervisor Candidate: Emily Cook (Dist. 3)

Call to Order & The Pledge of Allegiance: Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM by the Chair

Item 1 **Minutes of May 23, 2023 meeting. -**

Unanimously approved after motion by Sarah, seconded by Amy

Item 2 **Progress on the picnic August 26, 2023.**

2.1 Jonathan reported that in conversations with other Democratic chairs: Allison Stein, Kevin Kerr, and Stacy (?), from Fox Chapel, Aspinwall and O'Hara Township, they proposed making this a joint FCSD Area picnic. Regarding that possibility a number of issues were raised:

Would the other municipalities contribute financially? Committee members from each would be welcome, but if they wanted their voters to receive invitations, we'd expect financial contributions.

Would there by a expanded mailing to all? Consensus is that, although all are in the same senatorial, legislative and county council districts, each municipality should make their own mailing, highlighting their own municipal candidates.

Is there enough time to make that adjustment for this year? Sarah moved, and Amy seconded a motion that Jonathan meet with them to finalize an understanding about how they would participate. It was amended to specify that the issue be settled by June 30. Motion passed.

2.2 Update on invitations to state and national politicians. – Richard reported that Rep DeLuzio, District Attorney candidate Matt Dugan and members of Sarah Innamorato's campaign team would be in attendance. Austin Davis' wife is pregnant with due date very near to picnic date, so his attendance is not certain. Need to send invitations to Anita Prizio and Bethany Hallam.

2.3 Invitation card development. Rich circulated a prototype invitation card, and entertained suggestions. Jim proposed adding a QR code to link to our website.

2.4 Card to County Health Department to put it on their schedule. Although unable to attend the meeting, Ron wrote: "If we get the Save The Date for the picnic card ready...I will communicate with the ACHD and a location to donate the food collected at the picnic. Thanks"

2.4 Participation by Rural Ridge Fire Dept. & Qrs -- Barbara was unable to attend

Item 3 **Replacement candidate for Township Supervisor, District 1, in Nov. 7 election**
It was reported that the processes for withdrawing the nomination of Kara Novogradac for the position of Township Supervisor and nominating Amy Giammattei in her place has been successfully completed. All filed with Board of Elections on June 19, 2023.

Item 4 **Support for IT Supervisors District 1, 2, 3, 4. Use of Vote Builder**
Meeting & Canvassing plans, phone and text, signs.

Although Vanessa was unable to attend this meeting, Sarah and Amy confirmed they were working with Vanessa to use Vote Builder to develop mailing lists for Democrats, independents and selected Republicans. Amy and Sarah will be making signs and discussed possible ideal locations.

Item 5 **Treasurer's Report.**

Current account balance is $2,617.29. Jim reported that he had met with Farmers National Bank to discuss the conversion of our account to a Political Action Committee. Jim has documents, which Jonathan just signed, for submission to the Allegheny County Democratic Committee to establish the PAC. Question to be resolved is whether the existing bank account can be converted, or whether a new account must be established. Both monetary and in kind contributions will have to be documented, but we will not be limited in the way we planned to use the funds for the picnic or candidate support.

Item 6 **Next Meeting** *Tuesday July 18, 2023*

Item 8 **Any other business**

Emily reported that she had secured a commitment for the bounce castle for the picnic that would save about $300 over what we paid last year. The services of the new company are as comprehensive as last years, with full time staffing, insurance, etc. She will work with Jim to get a contract signed with them. The company can also provide equipment for snow cones and popcorn. We decided that snow cones, complementing ice cream sandwiches, would allow use to purchase fewer of the later.

Emily and Jim checking on the possibility of a band

Emily is working on acquiring the cutlery, plates etc.

Item 9 **Motion to adjourn -** Moved by Sarah, seconded by all at ~ 8:15 pm

Attachment B



We welcome you & your family to our summer celebration!

Meet & Show Your Support for Your Democratic Elected Officials & Candidates:

- Fox Chapel School Board
  - Vanessa Lynch & Ron Frank
- Township Supervisors
  - Emily Cook, Amy Giammattei
  - Sara Hertweck, Nettie Owens
- Congressman Chris Deluzio
- State Senator Lindsey Williams
- State Legislator Mandy Steele
- County Councilwomen
  - Anita Prizio & Bethany Hallam
- Allegheny County Executive and District Attorney, and more!

Join Your Community & Support the Future of Indiana Township and Allegheny County.

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