



## AGENDA

Indiana Township Democratic Committee ("ITDC")  
**Meeting 7:00 PM Tuesday August 15, 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 (absent)  
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:

### Call to Order & The Pledge of Allegiance

- Item 1 **Minutes of July 18 20, 2023 meeting.** *Attachment A*
- Item 2 **Picnic August 26, 2023.**
  - 2.1 8 Picnic signs set up
  - 2.2 Flyer invitation to Area Democratic Committees Hampton & Shaler
  - 2.2 Update on invitations to state and national politicians. – Richard
  - 2.4 Bounce house status and insurance.
  - 2.5 Participation by Rural Ridge Fire Dept. & Qrs -- Barbara
- Item 3 **Support for IT Supervisors District 1, 2, 3, 4. -- Vanessa**  
Meeting & Canvassing plans, phone and text, signs.  
Fox Chapel and O'Hara committees offer to help with canvassing
- Item 4 ACDC report (Jonathan) *Attachment B*
- Item 5 **Treasurer's Report**
- Item 6 **Next Meeting Tuesday September 18, 2023**
- Item 8 **Any other business**
- Item 9 **Motion to adjourn**

## **Attachment A**

### **MINUTES Indiana Township Democratic Committee (ITDC) Tuesday, July 18, 2023 Indiana Township Municipal Building 3710 Saxonburg Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15238**

#### **In Attendance:**

Dist. 1 – Amy Giammattei and Jonathan Spatz  
Dist. 2 – Ronald Frank  
Dist. 3 –  
Dist. 4 – Sara Hertwick and Philip Buchwalter  
Dist. 5 – Ellen Kight  
Treasurer – Jim Mitnick

#### **Absent:**

Vanessa Lynch (Dist. 2), Barbara Cisek (Dist. 3) and Dave Allison (Dist. 1)

**Adjunct Members** – Richard Souza (District. 1) and Jonathan Neumann (District 5), Netti Owens

**Invited guests** – Allison Stein, Fox Chapel DC.

**Call to Order by Chairperson and The Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Jonathan Spatz at 7pm

#### **Item 1: Minutes of June 20, 2023 meeting**

Motion was made by Jim with a second from Sara to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

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

##### **2.1 Financial contributions from Fox Chapel, Aspinwall, and O'Hara Democratic Committees**

Allison Stein, Chair of the Fox Chapel committee reported that Fox Chapel will contribute \$250, Aspinwall will contribute \$200 and O'Hara will get in touch shortly as to its contribution.

##### **2.2 Flyer invitation**

Richard and Netti, including input from other committee members, put together a draft of the invite to the picnic and shared it with the committee. After much discussion it was suggested that we invite Blawnox and Sharpsburg to participate as well. Neither has a formal democratic committee, however Allison knows several key democrats in each municipality who she will contact in order to have Blawnox and Sharpsburg included as sponsors. Thus, all of the municipalities in the Fox Chapel School District are included. **Ron made a motion with a second from Sara that Allison will take care of creating a flyer for the 5 other municipalities. Motion carried.** (see Attachment A.2, a list of invited candidates and status).

##### **2.4 County Health Dept. is no longer participating**

##### **2.5 Nonperishable Food collection will not happen**

##### **2.6 Participation of Rural Ridge Fire Dept. – do not know the status**

### **Item 3: Support for IT Supervisors**

The candidates have been meeting regularly, are organized and are using Vote Builder. Jonathan Neumann made a plea, for those of us in District 5, to recruit volunteers to canvass in districts 1,2,3&4 since district 5 is not up for election this year. It was also suggested that we ask Sam from ACDC, or Congressman Chris Deluzio, to MC the introduction of our 4 Supervisor candidates at the picnic. It would be good to have a script for the introductions. Candidates will send to democrats the link for mail in ballots. Will also develop candidate slate card. It was also suggested that the slate card and information about mail in ballot be sent to families who may have college age children.

### **Item 4: Items needed for the Picnic**

The Committee discussed items and food needed for the Picnic. Attached is a summary of the items needed from the last meeting with a person who will be responsible. **(See attachment A.3)**

**Ron** – Will bring hotdogs – try to include some vegan dogs

**Emily** – paper plates & cutlery. She will also arrange for Bounce house. She should be in touch with Jim regarding any contract for the Bounce House.

**Emily and Amy** – face painting

**Jonathan** – microphone

**Netti & Allison** – will look into finding a DJ, or a good play list.

**Ron, Netti, & Jim** - Signs – 3 by 4-foot signs to be placed in high visibility areas throughout the FC school district. Netti will get in touch with Jim with the information to be placed on the signs and Jim will provide the signs. Possible areas for placement are:

910 & Rich Hill

Sunoco station at Harts Run and Dorseyville

Rt. 28 & Fox Chapel Rd.

910 & Saxonburg

Harts Run & Saxonburg

Middle Rd. & Harts Run

Sites within Sharpsburg and Aspinwall

**Ron-Allison, & Jim** – tubs for water and pop

**Amy & Phil** – Glass jug for water.

**Phil** – drinks (lemonade, water, ice, pop in cans)

**Allison** – will work with the communities to bring baked goods, chips, salad etc.

### **Item 5: Treasurer's Report**

Jim reported that there is \$2,614 in the account. **Jim made the motion with a second from Ron, to close the existing account, and open a new account for the newly formed PAC entitled Indiana Township Democratic Committee PAC. Motion carried.** The existing funds will be transferred to the PAC. Jim also will renew the website for 2 years and will edit the site.

### **Item 6: Next Meeting August 15, 2023**

Sarah will chair the meeting

### **Item 7: New Business**

Netti will help to set up mail chimp for our website. A mailing will go out 3 weeks prior to the election.

**Item 8: Motion to adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Kight, Secretary

## Attachment A.2

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### Invited candidates

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Richard Souza <keras3@comcast.net>  
To: Ellen Kight <ellengkight@gmail.com>

Thu, Jul 20, 2023 at 5:10 PM

Hi Ellen,

#### Committed as of the 18<sup>th</sup>

Chris Deluzio

Anita Prizio

Matt Dugan

Sara Innamorato's campaign team (she has a prior commitment)

#### Likely Unable to Attend

Austin Davis

#### Waiting for Replies

Jill Beck

Corey O'Connor

Erica Brusselar

#### Committed as of the 20<sup>th</sup>

Mandy Steele

Bethany Hallam

#### Cannot Attend as of the 20<sup>th</sup>

Lindsey Williams

#### Still Need to Contact

Rich Fitzgerald

Josh Shapiro?

ACDC Leadership

## Attachment A.3



Ellen Kight <ellengkight@gmail.com>

Attachment B

### Some Picnic Items Update

5 messages

Richard Souza <ker3@comcast.net>

Thu, Jul 20, 2023 at 12:59 PM

To: jspatz@gmail.com, James Mitnick <jmitnick@aeconlinestore.com>, Jon Neumann <jon.neumann@gmail.com>, Barbara Cisek <bacisek@outlook.com>, Amy Giammattei <anandafarm@gmail.com>, Sarah Hertweck <shertweck@gmail.com>, Vanessa Lynch <slice110@hotmail.com>, Ronald Frank <ronpfrank@gmail.com>, Phil Buchwalter <pbuchwalter@icloud.com>, David Allison <Paconstable@verizon.net>, Ellen Kight <ellengkight@gmail.com>, Cook4itsupervisor3@gmail.com, Nettie Owens <nettieann@gmail.com>

#### Tables

- 8 – large metal picnic tables in the Gazebo
  - 4- 1 each for the Township Supervisor Candidates
  - 1 – ITDC table for voter registration information, donations, etc
  - 1 – Sara Innamorato Campaign Team
  - 1 – Face painting
  - 1 – other candidates?
- 2 – large wooden picnic tables at the food service building
  - 2 – Ron's Hot Dog Extravaganza, drinks and other food items

#### Bounce Castle

Any update – is one secured with a contract?

#### Face Painting

Any update – face painters?

**Music - DJ** - still being considered? I do believe there were 2 folks who had DJ connections (Nettie and Emily)

**Sidewalk Chalk**– I do recall this was a big hit with the kids (and some adults), especially good for writing candidates' names in fancy script. Did someone from the committee bring this? If not, should we purchase a container of colored chalk? Approximately \$10.00

Richard A. Souza

412-849-0708

## **Attachment B**

From Jonathan

The ACDC Chair, Sam Hens-Greco has been encouraging Democratic Committees in the county to hold what he calls “House Party” fund-raisers in support of the functioning of the ACDC. On Wednesday July 26 I attended one of these hosted by Pittsburgh 14<sup>th</sup> Ward committee – see Slide 1 below.

Sam is encouraging us to join in with Shaler to host a house party fund raiser, but that will have to wait until after the Municipal election.

Sam and Morgan Overton, ACDC Vice Chair, gave a good presentation on accomplishments of the past year outlined on slides 2 and 3 below. Note the effort to support Democratic candidates for school board – Slide 3.

Funding for the past year came from several contributors, but in large part from an un-named contributor who made a major grant. I believe that individual was out of state and had a big interest in seeing last year’s midterm get a lot of Democratic supporters to turn out. I liked the way that Sam instituted a “Voter Guide” listing bios on all the candidate in the primary, instead of just a slate card of the endorsed candidates. *The ACDC mailed out two hundred thousand of those guides.* I think the endorsement procedure may be in for a change going forward.

***Sam and Morgan will put in an appearance at the picnic, and Sam is willing to introduce our four candidates for township supervisor if we give him a short script.***

Sam is really searching for funds to pay for the canvassing help and mailings to Dems in the county. They can’t expect large grants to materialize to handle the costs. There are boroughs and city ward in the county that do not yet have Democratic Committees. Sam has found people willing to start committees in some Wards and Boroughs and can appoint members in those instances. If he could get monthly contributions of \$5 or \$10 from members of each of the 160 plus Democratic committees in the county, then funding would be solved. There is a QR Code on slide 2 and 3 that allows you to make a monthly recurring donation to ACDC.

The ACDC has only one paid employee, Emily Marburgher, and her health insurance is covered by her husband’s employer.

## Attachment B Slide 1 House Party Invitation



*Please join us for an evening to support*



**ALLEGHENY COUNTY ★ ★  
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with **Special Guests Chair Sam Hens-Greco  
& Vice Chair Morgan Overton.**

Hear about our new initiatives and accomplishments of their first year  
and plans for increasing Democratic voter turnout in 2023 and 2024.

**Hosts:** Liz and Michael Healey | Terri Klein and Daniel Gup  
Sen. Jay Costa | Rep. Dan Frankel | Hon. Paul Klein | Hon. Erika Strassburger  
Harry Cohen | Jonathan Cox | Margaret Fried | Saleem Khan  
Gregory Kochanski | Jane & Michael Louik | Kathie Smith & John Burke  
Tracy Baton | Sara Segel\*

**Wednesday, July 26th**  
6:00-8:30 pm

**Summerset Community Room**  
1435 Parkview Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15217

**Suggested Contribution Levels:**  
**\$50 | \$100 | \$250 | \$500**

**Donate Online:** <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/20230725acdc>

**Donate via Check:** Allegheny County Democratic Committee  
22 Wabash St., Suite 205, Pittsburgh, PA 15220

Contact [will@alleghenydems.com](mailto:will@alleghenydems.com) to RSVP or with questions.

\*Host Committee still in formation





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## Attachment B Slide 3

### School District Cookie Tables



# School Director Cookie Tables

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