



AGENDA

Indiana Township Democratic Committee ("ITDC")

Meeting 7:00 PM Tuesday March 21, 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)

Call to Order & The Pledge of Allegiance

Item 1 **Minutes of February 16, 2023 meeting.** *See Attachment A*

Item 2.1 **Discussion of actions to help election of IT Supervisors:**

Dist. 1 Kara Novogradac

Dist. 2 Nettie Owens

Dist. 3 Emily Cook

Dist. 4 Sarah Hertweck

Item 2.2 **And School Board candidates Ron and Vanessa**

Item 3 **Key dates for Allegheny County elections**

March 14. Last day to file objections to nomination petitions

May 1. Last day to register before the primary.

May 16. Municipal Primary

November 11. Municipal Election

Item 4 Any more thoughts/plans for the picnic August 26, 2023.
How do we raise the money?

Item 5.1 **Treasurer's Report**

Item 6 **Next Meeting Tuesday April , 2023**

The Town Hall Community Center Classroom booked 3rd Tuesday each month
7pm - 9pm. 4/18, 5/16, 6/20, 7/18, 8/15, 9/19, 10/17, 11/21, 12/19.

Item 7 **Any other business**

Item 8 **Motion to adjourn**

Attachment A

MINUTES

Indiana Township Democratic Committee
Thursday February 16, 2023
Indiana Township Municipal Building

In Attendance:

Dist. 1 – Amy Giammattei and Jonathan Spatz
Dist. 2 – Vanessa Lynch and Ronald Frank
Dist. 4 – Sarah Hertweck, and Philip Buchwalter
Treasurer – Jim Mitnick
Adjunct member – Jon Neumann
Adjust member – Richard Souza

Absent:

Dist. 3- Barbara Cisek – Apologies given (hospitalized)
Dist. 5 – Ellen Kight – Apologies given (trip delayed)
Dist. 5 - David Allison – No response

Guests:

Nettie Owens, Indiana Twp. Resident, District 2
Emily Cook, Indiana Twp. Resident, District 3

Call to Order by Chairperson and Pledge of Allegiance: at 7:02 pm by Jonathan Spatz

Item 1: Minutes of Tuesday, January 17 , 2023. Motion to approve made by Sarah, seconded by Vanessa. Motion was approved.

Item 2: Actions Re: Election of IT Supervisors 2023.

Dist. 1 Kara Novogradac
Dist. 2 Nettie Owens
Dist. 3 Emily Cook
Dist. 4 Sarah Hertweck

Jonathan reported receiving Kara's regrets for not being present due to a family medical reason. IT Dist. 1 residents, Amy and Richard, signed Kara's nomination petition for the primary election for IT Supervisor. IT Dist. 2 residents, Vanessa and Ron, signed Nettie's nomination petition for the primary election for IT Supervisor. Emily already had nine signatures on her nomination petition, and Sarah was fully in control of the progress of her nomination petition.

Ron and Vanessa led discussion of the procedure for prospective candidates to complete the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania "Statement of Financial Interests" that can be filled in online at:
https://www.ethics.pa.gov/How-To/Documents/Statement%20Of%20Financial%20Interests%20REV%201_23.pdf

Richard referred to the filling instruction: Kara, Nettie, Emily and Sarah must file a copy of this document with their nomination petition. The original gets filed with the secretary of Indiana township before May 1st. Jon offered his help to all filling the forms.

Vanessa showed everyone the County of Allegheny "Candidate Affidavit and Ethics Law Information" form that prospective candidate must file along with their nomination petition.

Motion: For the committee to endorse Ron and Vanessa for FCA school board candidates, and Kara, Nettie, Emily and Sarah as candidates for township supervisor. Proposer: Jim, seconder Phil.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was suggested that the candidates might post their picture and a bio in the ITDC website and on the ITDC Facebook page. Email the pictures and bios to Jim for insertion on the website.

It was agreed to file the nomination petitions along with the Ethics Affidavit and a copy of the Financial Interest Statement, by February 27 to allow time to correct any defects. Jonathan offered to take the petitions to the county building downtown, if he could have the eight petitions in hand by Sunday February 26th.

Item 3. Discussion of Allegheny County Elections 2023.

There was a brief review of the candidates attending these local DC meetings:

Shaler Jan. 15 -- Michael Lamb, Erin McClelland, Anthony DeLuca.

O'Hara Feb. 9 -- Andy Szefi, Erica Brusselars, Matt Dugan, Cory O'Connor, Patrick Sweeney. (Bob Gallo and Anita Prizio spoke on behalf of John Weinstein and Sara Innamorato.

Hampton Feb. 15 -- Liv Bennet, Dave Fawcett, Sara Innamorato, Michael Lamb, Erin McLelland, John Weinstein. Richard had circulated a good writeup of the Hampton forum:

[Democratic candidates for Allegheny County executive gather at North Hills forum - Pittsburgh Union Progress](#)

It was agreed the committee would itself not endorse any particular candidate for office.

Richard asked what other county candidate meetings were set up, Jonathan forwarded the ACDC email listing forthcoming meetings. Locally -- Shaler, February 19; Fox Chapel, February 21; McCandless February 23; Pine, February 26.

Item 4. Community picnic plans for August 26, 2023

Jonathan reported the committee has reserved the Gazebo and Old Mill Dam Pavilion for the picnic, from noon to dusk that Saturday. Ron said the picnic time should be set from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. There was a brief discussion about activities for the picnic. The consensus was to repeat last year's bounce castle, hot dogs and drinks, and encourage candidates and our newly elected officials to attend. Perhaps add live music. Nettie will see if the FC Chorus might perform. Amy suggested advertising the picnic in the township newsletter. Vanessa's suggestion was to publicize the picnic door-to-door with door hangers. Funding the picnic budget was discussed. The cost last years was about four thousand dollars, mainly for printing and mailing invites, the bounce house, and rushed ITDC tee shirts. Jim suggested we ask supporters to contribute \$25 to ITDC through the ActBlue link on our website.

Item 5. Treasurer's report. Jim Mitnick reported the only expenditure since last month was \$200 for rent of the gazebo and pavilion for the picnic. The current bank balance is \$1,289.00

Jim reported that the committee must file financial reports with the Pennsylvania Department of State. Names and addresses of donors who sent us checks are required, also a "POLITICAL COMMITTEE REGISTRATION STATEMENT"

Item 5. Next Meeting. Tuesday March 21, 2023

The Town Hall Community Center Classroom booked as follows:

Tuesdays, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21, December 19. All dates are reserved for 7pm -9pm.

Item 6. Any other business.

Item 7. Motion to adjourn. Made by Ron, seconded by Phil.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Jonathan Spatz, Secretary pro tem