

Minutes
Carlisle Democratic Town Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 16, 2023, 7:00 PM via Zoom

Attendance: Maureen Cosgrove-Deery, Kenneth Deitch, David Erickson, Bridget Ferrari, Bonnie Miskolczy, Rebecca Morris, Carrie Patel, Frank Rigg, Francis Tacardon, Bob Wallhagen

1. Several changes were suggested for the minutes, after which Ferrari moved to accept the minutes of 2/2/23 as amended, Tacardon seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. The amended minutes will be distributed with these minutes.
2. Treasurer's Report
Dan emailed that there is \$1286.61 in the bank account.
3. 2023 Priorities
Miskolczy proposed inviting Simon Cataldo early on to share our goals with him. Ferrari agreed and suggested that we might also collaborate with his other constituencies in Acton and Concord.
Tacardon suggested setting timelines for our actions to encourage timely completion.
Ferrari asked for someone to take the lead with the speaker's series, it was suggested that Bob Wallhagen might be a good candidate.
Tacardon whether this would just be for the CDTC or whether it would be town wide. Ferrari thought it should be Carlisle wide.
Tacardon noted that we sponsored Naomi Oreskes speaking on climate change and that we had 200 people attend. He suggested that we might do that on a yearly basis.
Morris said we should think of speakers outside the box to get cutting edge, innovative speakers.
Miskolczy would like to hear from HS kids about what they are doing; Tacardon suggested racial equity experts with Ferrari noting we had racial expert Harry Harding.
Tacardon suggested inviting speaker and then inviting the whole town and even neighboring towns. That was the original plan for Naomi Oreskes, it was going to be a yearly event but then Covid started.
Tacardon said that the movie "Who We Are: A Chronicle of Racism in America" was amazing and suggested that we could show the movie and then host a discussion--this idea was well received. Miskolczy warned about being too grandiose and there were suggestions of doing something three times/year. Maureen warned that if you expect 200 people then you need the school auditorium and there are insurance and legal issues--it took months to prepare for Naomi Oreskes.
4. Town Caucus
At this point the discussion turned to the town caucus and Maureen said that right now we should get people for the caucus and start preparing for the 2024 election; just preparing for the caucuses is daunting. Ferrari said we could do invite the candidates to speak. There was discussion of possible candidates. It was stated that Kate Reid will be running for the Select Board, Brian Waterson may run for school committee as well as Julie Viola. Robert Egri will also likely run again. The caucus is March 20, the Town Meeting is May 8, and the election is May 16.
Openings for town offices include:
2 seats on the Select Board
1 seat on the Board of Health
2 seats on the School Committee
and the planning board a library trustee. It was felt that the school committee, planning board, and select board are priorities.
It was also suggested that we invite candidates to speak in April and should invite anyone to come to the meeting, we would probably not hold a normal meeting at that time.
5. CDTC Caucus
We need to hold the CDTC caucus between May 23 and June 27 to select officers and elect delegates to the state convention.
6. Carlisle Mosquito
It was noted that the Carlisle Mosquito is in desperate need of more funding. Please contribute.
7. Concord Shelter
There was a discussion of changes to the Concord Shelter. There was a suggestion that we might help subsidize some of the kids so that they wouldn't stand out in the Concord School system.

8. Ken moved to adjourn, Maureen seconded and we adjourned at 8:36pm. Next meeting will be on Thursday, March 16th at 7:00 PM.