

Minutes
Carlisle Democratic Town Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 18, 2023, 7:00 PM via Zoom

Attendance: Dan Cook, Maureen Cosgrove-Deery, Sharmili Das, Kenneth Deitch, Dave Erickson, Bridget Ferrari, Robert Kearney, Rebecca Morris, Carrie Patel, Frank Rigg, Francis Tacardon, Bob Wallhagen

1. Town Election

Maureen received the official paperwork regarding Carlisle. Only 370 people in town voted, whereas over 1000 people voted last time, however, in the last uncontested election only 150 voted.

2. Caucus

We will have the town caucus on June 17th at 10:00am. The convention is in September. Bridget Ferrari and Bob Wallhagen are automatically delegates to the convention (although Bridget could give her seat to someone else). Carrie noted that in addition to the standing seats we have 4 seats which need to be gender balanced. We need to tell the State that we are having the caucus on 6/17/23 by tomorrow.

3. Annual Picnic

We need to pick a date before regional picks one for us. There was some question of whether Bob Wallhagen wanted to continue hosting the picnic but when Bob arrived, he indicated that he would, although he would like more help setting up and tearing down afterwards. There was some discussion about whether the picnic should be on a Saturday or Sunday. Ken Deitch said he had written down Saturday, Aug. 5 and that became accepted as the date for the picnic, especially since Bridget and Maureen would be unable to attend on Aug. Maureen wanted to ensure that we are responsible for MCing the event, given the problem that we had last year. Bob W said that is fine and he will let 3rd MAD know; he has been MC in the past, and although it does make it more difficult to spend time with people at the event it is probably better to MC the event ourselves. This year should also be more laid back because there are no major upcoming elections.

There was considerable discussion of the type of food to provide. It was finally decided to have the picnic from 1:30 to 4:00 so people would be less likely to expect lunch and in this case, we will probably just have vegetables and finger food.

Bob will talk to FRS about borrowing tables and chairs and he has 4 or 5 canopies for shade. Francis noted that we usually write something for the Mosquito and he will send the to do list from last year.

4. The meeting adjourned at 20:20.