

Carlisle Democratic Town Committee

Meeting Minutes – June 20, 2019

Gleason Public Library, Carlisle

Attendees:

Bonnie Miskolczy, Sally Zielinski, Bob Wallhagen. Nancy Kronenberg, Maureen Cosgrove-Deery, Bob Luoma, Rebecca Morris, Dan Cook, Cynthia Schweppe, Francis Tacardon, David Erikson, Rick Oches, Launa Zimmaro, Kay Hurley (visitor) Tom Dunkers (visitor)

Welcome: Nancy

Call to order 7:10 pm

Note from Frank Rigg-Hi from London

Update on picnic:

- Ann Gibbs will send out the sign-up list
- Bob W. will reach out to 3rd MAD mailing list
- Francis will do publicity
- It was decided that we will keep the donation for the picnic at \$10.

Date: August 18

Bob W. home

Time 1:00-4:00 pm

Kay Hurley was unanimously voted as our recommendation for registrar. Cynthia introduced Kay as a former Carlisle citizen of the year who has lived in Carlisle for many years. Frank Rigg also highly recommended Kay.

Associate Membership:

A vote was taken to request that inactive members move to associate member status so that it will be easier for us to reach a quorum. Associate members cannot vote or be an officer. Nancy will send a letter to the three members in question and report back to the committee.

The vote was 11-2 in favor of moving members to associate members.

DTC ballot:

Bob W. discussed a group ballot for the election of Democratic Town Committee which will be discussed at the July meeting.

Move to Change Bylaw quorum ¼ membership:

The vote was unanimous in in favor.

Draft policy on neutrality in town elections:

1. By long-standing tradition candidates for local office in Carlisle run on a non-politically-partisan basis.
2. The CDTC has its own long standing tradition, which it now reaffirms, of not endorsing candidates for local office.
3. The Committee adopts no position on, and certainly does not oppose, a member or associate member endorsing a candidate for local office in his or her individual capacity as a private citizen, in keeping with the sacred American tradition of enabling almost exclusively unrestricted free speech.
4. A large majority of members view it as strongly undesirable and unwelcome for a fellow member to identify himself or herself as being on the CDTC in any endorsement of a candidate in a local election. While there is little sentiment among members to create a formal prohibition, there is nevertheless much general opposition because it could easily misinform, leading other to conclude, incorrectly, that the endorsement comes from the committee.

Amendments and Discussion:

Motion to accept the draft proposal except for section #4 of the draft proposal as written.

Tabled

Motion to move to adopt policy statement by Dan as amended in section #4.

A member of the CDTC has the right to endorse a candidate as an individual but is not permitted to endorse a candidate as a member of the CDTC or to commit the CDTC to an endorsement in Town elections.

Motion made and seconded.

Motion to accept the amended version:

The motion to accept sections 1-3 written by Ken will stand and the motion to amend section #4 to reflect Dan's amended version as written.

Motion made and seconded unanimously.

Minutes: Approved unanimously

Treasurer Report: expenses 353.24 for Naomi's Talk current account \$1303.05

The meeting was adjourned by Nancy Kronenberg at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Maureen Cosgrove-Deery