Minutes

Carlisle Democratic Town Committee Meeting Thursday, September 15, 2022, 7:00 PM via Zoom

<u>Attendance</u>: Dan Cook, Maureen Cosgrove-Deery, Sharmili Das, Kenneth Deitch, David Erickson, Bridget Ferrari, Nancy Kronenberg, Bonnie Miskolczy, Rebecca Morris, Kate Reid, Frank Rigg, Francis Tacardon, Bob Wallhagen, Launa Zimmaro

1. Minutes from 8/18/22

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 and the minutes from 8/18/22 were approved.

2. LTE from Jeanine Wood

There was a long discussion of the letter in the 9/16/22 Mosquito from Vivian Birchall's campaign manager, Jeanine Wood. The letter was not published until after the primary at Vivian Birchall's request. The letter attributed the moderator's initial failure to recognize Vivian' presence to racism. Francis Tacardon noted that the moderator had failed to initially recognize another speaker as well. Maureen said that the moderator may well not have known Vivian and she also mentioned that he had failed to recognize another speaker; she also said that she had difficulty getting him to introduce Bridget Ferrari. Sharmili noted that she had talked with noted that she talked with Jeanine at length that day and she didn't mention it at the time, nor did she try to contact us before publishing the letter, which she felt was somewhat unfair to the Democratic Committee. Nevertheless, it was felt that the Democratic committee should be more careful in the future to ensure that events like this do not arise again. The final resolution was:

- 1. Bridget will contact Jeanine and Vivian and request a call/meeting to discuss what happened to better understand their concerns.
- 2. Address the concerns as best we can and likely bring this to the gentleman who was announcing the candidates
- 3. Identify ways that we can improve on candidate check in and recognition at the picnic
- 4. Draft a responding Letter to the Mosquito (for next week) outlining our response and efforts to prevent a recurrence of this in the future.

3. Election activities

Bridget said that the CDTC will fund postcards so that people don't need to be worried about being reimbursed when ordering post cards. Bonnie is putting in an order on 9/18/22, post cards are \$11 for 20 postcards (includes stamps). Maureen noted that Indivisible meets once a week for phone calls and is also supporting post cards; also, Nancy has a large number of blank post cards. See Bonnie or Marty Blue if you want post cards, Bonnie will be placing the order on September 18, Francis, Launa, and Dan Sholten will be doing post cards.

Bonnie said the ones she currently has are for Georgia but they are already subscribed.

Nancy said she doesn't have information on Maggie Hassan in NH. She hasn't gotten any polling data from NH and Maureen said they don't seem interested in volunteers to knock on doors. Nancy said they all want you to phone bank which she says is driven by three major phone carriers.

Nancy thinks Fetterman is doing well and Warnock seems to be ahead by about 2.6% in Georgia. Nancy noted that NC is important--it is a very close race for Senate.

Dan Cook noted that Ohio is also close, Nancy says Vance is down slightly. He posted a link to Five Thirty-Eight https://projects.fivethirtyeight.com/2022-election-forecast/senate/.

Maureen has permission to spend up to \$300 on signs, which she will order signs in the next few days, she will let Nancy know when the signs arrive.

Bridget has sent the link for the Democratic breakfast but we have not signed up for a table.

4. Adjourned at 8:41, we will meet in 4 weeks on Oct. 20, 22 at the Town Hall at 7:00. Bridget will also send a link for people who are uncomfortable meeting in person.