

**Sierra Club of Pennsylvania, Southeastern PA Group Executive Committee Meeting**  
**November 5, 2014**  
**Meeting held at CityCoHo, 2401 Walnut Street**

**Attending:** Bill Brainerd, Dennis Winters, Emily Davis, Jim Wylie, Mathew Himmelein, Karen Melton, Gary Lytle, Dave Moscatello **By phone:** Pat Beaudet, Anne Lovett, Robin Mann, John Paul Jawarski

**Not Attending:** Jeanette MacNeille, Allan Walters, Len Finegold, John Butler

Dennis called the meeting to order at 6:45

Secretary: The treasurer's report in the October minutes should read "transferred from the C3 balance." Minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer: Income: \$100 from Shirley Phillips in memory of James Harp. Expenses: \$519.89 (mailing), \$82.89 (reimbursement to C4 account), \$14 bank charge, estimated printing expense is \$600. Balance in C4 account is \$2387.29. Treasurers report was approved.

**Standing Committee Reports**

*Newsletter/Communications:* The newsletter went out on the 24<sup>th</sup>. There are some duplicates on the list. We should work on reducing these.

*Conservation Committee:* Robin reported that the "Next Great City" goals (a coalition of groups coordinated by Penn Futures including us) will be updated and we will have an opportunity to participate in creating the new goals and aiming for higher expectations for the next mayor. Mat volunteered to participate.

*Political Committee:* no report

*Nomination Committee:* no report

**Old Business:**

Fund raising: Calendars / Letter: Pat said the minimum order is 40 which can be a mix of wall calendars and appointment calendars. About 20 calendars will be given as premiums for gifts of \$75 or more sent in response to the fundraising letter. Dennis will draft a fund raising letter. We should all submit names to be included in this mailing. Payments can not be made by credit.

City CoHo Space: There was a question about whether we will continue our use of the City Coho space. Gary likes this space for his Beyond Coal work and they will share the expense.

**New Business:**

Pheonixville Trees: Anne spoke about the concern of a member about the removal of about 300 trees to make way for school athletic fields. Jon Paul will do some fact finding on this issue.

Event: Earth Story / Our Story: Discussion on this event (Feb 7 2015) sponsored by Interfaith Power and Light was deferred until the next meeting.

Joining PA Against Fracking: It was moved and seconded that we join the coalition **Pennsylvanians against Fracking**. The motion passed with one abstention. Dennis will make sure the action is ok with the chapter.

Decommissioning of citizens committee: Dennis will be testifying at the **Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission** regarding the decommissioning of the citizen's committee.

Area Staff activist Coordinator: Gary Lytle now has the position previously held by William Kramer. He will continue his work with Beyond Coal. Clifton (last name?) will take over as leader of the vets. Gary and his team are developing a matrix for 2015 Action as well as some field action with the 'lame duck' congress. Other issues they are working on include:

The Clean Power Plant comment period has been extended and will end Dec 1.

Rules on Coal Ash Deposal which the EPA is expected to by December 19, Questions about the strength of the rules give the accident in North Carolina earlier this year. .

And the final policy on smog.

Paddle to DC: Karen spoke about the events she has organized around the visit of Amy and Dave Freeman for "Paddle to DC." They arrive at Penn's Landing on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November and will be greeted there. A short paddle is planned on the Schuylkill and a reception in the late afternoon. Sierra Club is one of their sponsors so the Chapter will defray some of the expenses

Holiday Party: Anne and Pat will make arrangements.

### **Announcements:**

Next Meeting:

Education Program: Monday, November 17, 6:45 PM

CCP Center for Business and Industry, 18<sup>th</sup> & Callowhill Sts

Topic: Marcellus Shale Gas Drilling: Reeling from the Rock and Roll

Speaker: Roberta Winters of the League of Women Voters

### **Reminders:**

#### ***Conservation Committee Member Specialties:***

- MTR – Jim Wylie
- Energy Conservation & Efficiency – John Butler
- Wind – PTC support – Gillian Norris
- AEPS support – Karen Melton
- Water – Robin Mann
- Smog – Gary Lytle/Jackie Wilson
- Transportation – Dennis Winters
- Land Use – Dennis Winters

### **Meeting Call-in Number:**

1-866-501-6174, PIN is 1004100#.