

Sierra Club of Pennsylvania, Southeastern PA Group Executive Committee Meeting
May 7, 2015
Meeting held at CityCoHo, 2401 Walnut Street

ExCom Members Attending: Pat Beudet, Bill Brainerd, John Butler, Anne Lovett, Dave Moscatello, Jim Wylie, By Phone: Len Finegold, Mathew Himmelein,

Other Members Attending: Emily Davis, Sue Edwards, Karen Melton,

Absent: Jon Paul Jaworski, Mike Hoppus, Dennis Winters

The Meeting was called to order by Ann Lovett at 6:45.

Secretary: Minutes approved.

Treasurer: April's bank balance (c-4) was \$2,054.92. Expenditures were \$19.60 for sales tax (paid to Chapter); CityCoHo space rental for April & May, \$200.00; bank charges \$14.00. No income for the month so May balance is \$1,821.32.

Foundation (C-3) balance on the first of the year was \$6,698.37 Foundation expenditures for the first quarter of 2015 were \$1,072.73 for educational programs, \$750 for two \$250 donations to Crum Creek-Ridley Watershed Association and one to the Darby Creek Valley Association; and \$79.61 for activist reimbursement. The balance at the end of the first quarter (March 31) was \$4,796.03.

The treasurer's report was accepted.

Standing Committee Reports

Newsletter/Communications: Jim previewed a website built to fit smart phones. The updated format was approved.

Conservation Committee:

Building Codes: John Butler reported on the Uniform Construction Code Review and Advisory Council meeting to be held in Harrisburg on May 20. The meeting is open to the public. Previously the council has ignored the 2012 International Code Council (ICC) building standards which could reduce energy consumption in PA by 15 %. John asked if Sierra Club could endorse. Since the chapter already has a policy statement supporting this no motion to support is necessary

Pipelines: The Chester County Team led by Bernie Greenberg received the \$1000 grant from Sierra Club. Jim presented a draft of their plans. They are developing a petition and a flyer.

Political Committee: Bill Karen reported that National providing is both financial and technical support. There will be an electronic town hall on Monday. We should use the link Karen will be sending to connect to the campaign so that the campaign will know that we have been recruited through Sierra Club. We should contact our friends to encourage them to get out the vote. Kenney is supporting green space, energy efficiency, Jobs for green work force, HS and CCP training programs, vision zero (no traffic fatalities), 30 bikes of protected bike lanes, the complete streets program and procurement reform. Karen is working on a piece which will go to legal and then to Jim to format for a convio blast. Dave reported that the Green energy Hub will be represented on Kenney's team.

Education Committee: Bill.

Michael Mann will be speaking at November 16 program. Emily will reserve a room at Kennedy House. There was a question as to whether or not we should seek out a larger space.

Nomination Committee: no report

Old Business:

Outings / Picnic: Jim said the paddle we had previously suggested would cost \$40 per person for the Kayak and asked if the club could subsidize 50% of the cost. Because this would be a member event, funds would need to come from C-4 funds. There was discussion about what would make it an educational event.

We need someone to chair the picnic.

Chapter Delegates: Sue, Bill and Anne will be our chapter delegates. Dennis, Pat, Robin and Dave will be the alternates.

New Business:

Labor, Community and the Climate Crisis: Sue passed out a sheet on this community forum on June 2nd. She asked that we endorse this program. Mat moved that we support the program. The motion passed unanimously.

Housing for student Activists: Sue is looking for housing for Student Divestment activist for a couple weeks.

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#.