

YORK DEMOCRATIC TOWN CAUCUS 2014

March 2, 2014 – Minutes

York Middle School

Check-in took place from 12:30 to 1:15 in the cafeteria of the York Middle School on Orgunug Rd. The York Town Clerk, Mary-Anne Szeniawski, was present to register voters if requested. Nomination papers were available for signing.

The caucus was called to order at 1:20 by Victoria Simon. Form #1 was handed out to those present.

Victoria Simon directed the election process for Caucus Secretary. Chris Hartwell was voted into that position. A motion was then made and seconded and Victoria Simon was voted into the position of Caucus Chair.

Victoria invited everyone in the room to join the municipal committee (York Democratic Town Committee) whose purpose is to create a structure for local Democrats. People were asked to check the yes box on their Form 1 and to indicate which types of activities they would be willing to volunteer to do.

The current officers as voted in at the 2013 annual meeting of YDTC had all agreed to remain on for another term. Nominations for all positions were asked for. Seeing none, a vote was taken and the current executive committee was approved.

Copies of the existing by-laws were available to all present. A request for amendments resulted in no proposals. A vote to reaffirm the YDTC by-laws was taken and approved.

A brief description of the activities of the York County Committee was given by Nancy Stolberg. It was pointed out that officially York was allowed seven members on the committee but all Democrats are welcomed to their meetings. People were invited to volunteer to be members. The following people volunteered and their names will be forwarded to the YCDC: David Schofield, Susan and Eugene Glick, Nancy and Paul Stolberg, and, although currently traveling, it was assumed that Judith and Ron McAllister will continue to be active.

Next the Chair called for volunteers to attend the State Party Convention at the end of May as delegates. York is entitled to a total delegate count of 43 with a matching number of alternates. In addition to a show of hands, people were asked to mark their Form 1s if they planned to attend.

Following the official business, the Chair opened the floor to current officials, candidates or their representatives, and general caucus participants to speak on behalf of candidates for office this year. Speakers were:

- Patty Hymanson, candidate for House Rep District 4
- Tom Brown, representing Bill King, candidate for York County Sheriff
- Blaine Shaw, representing Dan Lajoi, candidate for York County Sheriff
- Representative Paul McGowan, currently representing HD 149, running for reelection in HD 3
- Senator Dawn Hill, sitting senator District 1, running for reelection District 35
- Milton Davis spoke in support Shenna Bellows, candidate for US Senate
- Sarah Woodard, Bellows Finance Director, represented the Shenna Bellows campaign
- Rozanna Patane spoke on behalf of Mike Michaud

To close the meeting, special guest, Peter Kellman, author and activist shared some of his stories and insights from his experiences and research in the labor and civil rights movements.

Caucus adjourned at 3 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Hartwell, Caucus Secretary