

Sierra Club of Pennsylvania, Southeastern PA Group Executive Committee Meeting

December 1, 2021 5:00 Meeting

ExCom Members Attending: Emily Davis, Dave Moscatello, Keith Parsons, Max Zahniser, Jim Wylie

ExCom Members Absent: Arden Williams, Carole Green, Meenal Raval, Ruffian Tittmann, Kevin Little

Other Members Attending: Tim Beckham, Karen Melton, Adam Kapp, Kat Kendon

Agenda

The Meeting was called to order by Keith.

[Nov Meeting Minutes](#) were not approved due to lack of quorum. Will do in Jan.

Treasurer's Report: (Emily Davis/Meenal Raval). To be approved in Jan.

C4 Account:

Balance First Trust: \$ 20,096.49
Balance PayPal: \$ 7,163.07
Total: \$ 27,259.56
Outstanding checks: \$96.04 (Kline), 100 (coho)
Funds Available: \$ 27,063.52
Expenses: \$123.52 - - \$ (Coho, Zoom, Bank fees)
Income: \$1,757.49 - - \$1,714.99 (from C3), \$42.50 (donations)

C3 Account:

Balance: \$3,169.95 (September 1, 2021)
Expense: \$1714.99 – Administrative reimbursement to C4 account
Income: none
Balance: \$1,454,96

Discussion about calling for contributions to the SPG C3 account. Emily said that this cannot be done via online donation. Must be a check mailed to Sierra Club Foundation with notes to direct to the SPG account. Jim will draft an email that Keith can send to SPG volunteer leaders - a limited list.

Emily described a plan by the Geodelphia team to develop an email send to all of SPG to invite contributions (C3) to the Philadelphia gas mapping project. There is a crowdfunding site being set up. Emily will work with Jim to get this email sent. Jim said there may be a

SC rule about Groups not being able to do fundraising in December - reserved for national and Chapter fundraising.

Guest Speaker - Sharon Jay, Sustainability and Resilience Manager for Delaware County

Sharon talked about the plan for Delaware County to establish goals of 50% GHG emissions reduction by 2030 and 100% by 2050 through the development of a Climate Action Plan (CAP) for Delco - to be developed by the Delco Sustainability Board. The new CAP will be combined with the existing Sustainability Plan for Delco.

Sharon invited all SC members to respond to the [Sustainability Survey](https://delcopa.gov/sustainability/index.html) (more info at <https://delcopa.gov/sustainability/index.html>) - which will be used as input into the CAP development process. Keith and Jim offered to develop an email blast to all SC contacts in Delco. Jim, who is on the Env & Energy Advisory Board for Chester County, noted that SC outreach helped inspire participation in comments on the CAP and attendance at the public meeting in Chester County. Sharon welcomed that kind of action in Delco.

Conservation Report: Jim Wylie

Jim presented a summary of [SPG Conservation Actions in 2021](#).

- While still in “pandemic mode”, which reduced our in-person meetings and traveling to almost nothing, polluters and the warming planet did not take a break.

- Committees that continued to meet via Zoom:
 - Ready For 100 in Chester, Delco, Montco and Bucks Counties
 - Geodelphia
 - PFAS
 - BYOBag Philly

- Ad Hoc actions taken on:
 - Air Monitors
 - Covanta Incinerator Permit Comments
 - PECO gas facility in Marple
 - Phila new municipal buildings should be electric
 - Vanguard Has A Climate Problem

See details at the link above.

Also in this presentation, some highlights of what SPG volunteers are contributing to PA Chapter committees and leadership.

Jim offered to work with Keith to develop this summary into an email that he can share with SPG volunteers.

Outings - Amy Kwasnicki

Amy expressed her frustration and concern about the lack of turnout from SC members to outings that SPG has organized this fall. It’s discouraging to see low turnout after outings leaders have put in the work to organize these quality outings and necessary safety precautions. Amy has seen much better response from non-Sierra Club participants.

We will keep plugging. Hopefully when people feel more confident about in-person gatherings, even outside, we will be rewarded with more participation.

End Of Year Social

We discussed the possibility of some kind of outdoor social event in December. Amy suggested something with a bonfire. She knows of a couple of venues.

Jim and Amy will develop a survey/Doodle to solicit interest in a couple of venues and dates.

Urban Forest Preservation

Kat Kendon described her desire to get Philadelphia City Council to adopt a policy similar to what Baltimore has done - [here](#) . Amy and Emily expressed support to explore avenues to engage with City Council about this issue. Of primary concern for Kat is the wild meadow area at FDR Park.

Plastic Reduction Group - Karen

Plastic reduction group at Weavers Way is coordinating with the Neighborhood Networks waste reduction committee to produce a lecture series on waste reduction. Karen will communicate session dates and times to Sierra Club members. EPA hearing taking place now on new oil and gas regulations that are being proposed. Clean air council working to recruit speakers. Karen will be speaking.