

Sierra Club of Pennsylvania, Southeastern PA Group Executive Committee Meeting

May 1, 2019 Meeting

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ExCom Members Attending: Pratima Agrawal, Sue Edwards, Kevin Little, Dave Moscatello, Prasad Ramnath, JimWylie

ExCom Members Absent: John Butler, Ann DiCampello, Ken Hemphill, Jim Kaff,

Other Members Attending: Tim Beckham, Pat Libbey, Pat Beaudet, Emily Davis, Meenal Raval, Abby Wysor

The Meeting was called to order by Jim. [agenda](#)

Secretary: (Emily Davis) Minutes approved as emailed.

Treasurer:

C3 balance: \$8,749.88 (as of April 30)

Standing Committee Reports

Nomination Committee: no report

Conservation Committee: (Jim Wylie, Dave)

Mena Cimino with the Mont Co Ready for 100 Team showed “Paris to Pittsburgh” at a retirement community on April 22 in Warminster. There were more than 100 people in attendance. Many of these informed seniors are with Progressives for Positive Change.

Meenal is working on a Solarize SE PA – has page on web site. An RFP has been sent to 30 thirty installers. This is the last year for the 30% tax credit.

Abby brought up the issue of compost collection which she is looking into for Delaware County and thinks we could develop a page on sustainability that addresses issues like this.

Political Committee: (Robin Mann, Jim Wylie)

Karen and Sondra have developed an endorsement announcement to be sent to the membership. It has been sent to compliance.

The Chester County Team is working with other groups to hold an environmental forum with local candidates for commissioner. Topics included pipelines, plastics, and green energy.

In Bucks County, Sharon Furlong is working on an event for Jordan Yeager.

The Delaware County team is waiting until after the primaries.

Newsletter/Communications: (Sondra / Karen)

Articles are being sought for a June newsletter. Prasad said he'd write an article about the recent success in the fight against the Elcon plant in Bucks County. Meenal will write an article about the hearing in City Council about the future of PGW including the testimony of Mark Kresowik from Sierra Club who spoke via video link. Karen will write an article on Elk-Tannery. A number of other articles have already been submitted including 2 on plastics.

Education Committee: (Karen Melton / Kevin Little / Pratima Agrawal)

West Chester University has asked us to Co Host an event in September with Author and climate change speaker Ken Ilgunas. His speaker fee is \$1500 but we would only be asked to pay a small part of that.

Wagner Free Institute of Science recently offered a course in recycling led by Penn State Professor Kevin Cannon. A couple of members took the course and it was suggested that he could be a speaker at an event.

The showing of the film, From “Paris to Pittsburgh” was well attended. It included a video conversation with Eva Resnick who works with the Pittsburgh Ready for 100 team.

Meenal is going to be writing a regular column on energy for the Grid Magazine. She needs help with 12 months of ideas. Dave said he'd help.

New Member Engagement:

Paula is reaching out to new volunteers in Chester County. We need to help potential volunteers connect with the different ways they can get involved. It is felt that the best way to engage new volunteers is by reaching out personally, one to one. Sondra will help with this. Sue will have one to one meeting with new volunteers in Delaware County

Outings: (Emily Mechling, Jim Kaff, Amy Kwasnicki)

Emily Mechling will be our new outings coordinator. A meeting of all the area outings leaders on Monday will be held to help make connections between the groups.

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Fund Raising: Jim raised the possibility of hiring a fund raiser to help us. Our goal would be in the range of \$15,000 to \$20,000. Joanne Kilgour thought this was doable and was willing to help with calls to potential donors. No one raised objections to the suggestion. A letter to donors is being developed.

Tim suggested asking religious congregations to donate cash offerings on a particular Sunday.

New Business

Next Meeting is June 5

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Agenda

SPG April 3, 2019 Ex Com Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Approval of April Meeting & Endorsement Vote minutes
3. Treasurers Report ??? (Excom only)
 - May Fundraising plans
4. ExCom member status
5. Political endorsements Status Philly & Suburban County Races ??? Minutes attached.
6. Education
7. Communications
 - a. Newsletter Update ??? Karen: Call for articles

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