



Minutes
Bethlehem City Democratic Committee – General Meeting
August 11, 2025 – NCC Fowler Center Rm. 114

Meeting Called to Order at 7:05 by Ben Felzer, Chair

Minutes for June, 2025 (submitted by Patrice Teltser, Secretary)

Motion to approve minutes: Ben Felzer, Second Lorraine Pasquali - Motion approved

Treasurer's report June, 2025 (submitted by Mark Moss, Treasurer) Total \$2,072.06

Three donations were made. Increase expenses are anticipated for the election; a request for PCPs and others to donate as little as \$5 would be greatly appreciated.

Candidate(s):

Mark Pinsley, Lehigh County Controller running for Congress (PA-07), "fight forward, this is the time to get Medicaid for all".

Old Business: (events recap and more)

June 14 No King Rally – BCDC joined forces with other democratic groups such as *Indivisible*. Sixty people signed up in Bethlehem - total number in attendance seemed less than 1,000.

June 21 Rose Fest BCDC attended with LV4A. Candidates were able to have good conversations with those who attended.

July 13 Lehigh Valley 4 All/BCDC held their third picnic at Lynfield Community - attendance was low.

Ben Felzer brought up Patrice Teltser's concern of candidate endorsements regarding LV4A vs BCDC's policy not to endorse. For further clarity discussion was tabled for a later meeting.

New Business:

Saving Money on Literature for upcoming elections:

To reduce expenses, motion was made and approved to not have Northampton County Dems create separate palm cards with local candidates but to use their soon-to-be existing state/county level palm cards and to combine that with LV4All candidate sheet, which will have all local candidates. This will help BCDC with expenses.

May Day Strong, also known as International Worker's Day, conducts a series of protests to protect workers' rights including immigrant workers, not billionaires. Brenda Robertson a representative announced a rally on Sept. 1st, location and times pending.

America Saves Money, Paul Myer, District Organizer here in the Lehigh Valley until Sept. 4th, is seeking out stories of real people who have experienced cuts in Medicaid, snap, housing etc. to film and post nationwide. He passed out sign-up sheet for those interested in assisting in directing him to

residents experiencing these difficulties. Toni Fernandez will connect him with the Fountain Hill Neighbors (meet once a month) to discuss issues affecting them, and Hispanic Center members.

County & State Committee Reports:

Northampton County: (Matt Munsey)

Monday, August 18 from 12 - 1 PM “Mondays at McKenzie’s” Special Rally to Protect Social Security at 1125 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown

Every Saturday at McKenzie’s 10:30—11:30 AM at Emrick & Freemansburg, Bethlehem

Sunday, August 24 at 12 PM NCDC Annual Picnic to be held at Bethlehem Township Municipal Park on Farmerville Road, Bethlehem.

Saturday, September 13 from 1 – 5 PM LCDC Picnic at Allentown Rose Garden, Pavilion 3 at 101 N. Ott Street, Allentown.

BCDC: Ben Felzer

Sunday, August 17 from 12 – 7 PM Lehigh Valley Pride (LGBTQ+) at the Arts Quest-Steel Stake. Political parties are prohibited to exhibit, however, in the past two years LV4A has obtained a city permit to have a table outside the venue on Founders Way and 2nd Street to distribute literature. Volunteers needed for 1 or 2-hour shifts, go to their website to sign-up.

“Do we want to participate in events that yield little to no results?”

Lehigh County: (Mark Moss)

August 27 – September 1 Allentown Fair 302 N. 17 Street, Allentown - LCDC will have a booth, volunteer sign-up form available. Candidates have been invited.

State Party: (No Report)

Elected Officials: (No Report)

Member Forum:

Motion to Adjourn: Ben Felzer

Meeting Adjourned 8:40 PM

Submitted by, Toni Fernandez, (PCP, 16th District)