

Minutes of the Gettysburg Area DFA Meetup/May 6, 2009

Valentine Hall, Room 206, Gettysburg Theological Seminary - 7 PM

Elaine Jones, Chair

Welcome and Introductions. Elaine welcomed everyone and thanked Candy Rule for providing refreshments.

Tuna Collection. Denise Weldon-Siviy gathered tuna fish cans donated to the Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen as a project of the Community Services Committee.

Annual Meeting – Nominations & Elections. Pat Naugle, co-chair of the Nominating Committee with Lou Hammann, announced the nominations for DFA offices as follows:

- * Chair: Elaine Jones
- * Vice Chair: Wendy Mizenko
- * Recording Secretary: Virginia Ciliotta
- * Treasurer: Jeanne Neylon
- * At Large Members of the Steering Committee: Robert Lasco, Will Lane, Joe Breighner, and Lou Hammann

There were no other nominations. There was a floor vote approving all the candidates for office that were nominated.

DFA Training. Roger Lund announced that the National DFA has selected Gettysburg as one of two sites where training will occur over two eight-hour days on September 26th and 27th, 2009. The sessions will be held at Gettysburg College covering grass roots organizing, candidate development, candidate training, etc. The cost is \$60 beforehand (\$75 at the door) with a price of \$30 for seniors and students. Information is available at the website address: www.democracyforAmerica.com. The price includes lunch both days, a picnic at the end and a comprehensive manual. Roger is looking for a volunteer from DFA to serve on the ACDC Steering Committee to plan this event. He also mentioned we could sponsor a scholarship to cover the cost for one or more attendees.

Action Plans. Health Care For All PA: Will Lane presented a proposed DFA Health Care Task Force Action Plan for 2009. The goal of the plan is to inform the community, to encourage debate, and to urge our lawmakers to support the idea of health care for all. The citizen lobbying portion of the plan will focus on efforts to urge Pennsylvania legislators to release funds for a feasibility study of the Pennsylvania “Civilized Health Care” proposal for which two bills have been introduced in the PA legislature (HB 1660 and SB 400). The Action Plan is available on the DFA website. Dr. Dwight Michael cited facts and figures in support of the Pennsylvania plan and the desperate need for universal health care.

***Dr. Elizabeth Wood moved, Maggie Abbott-Fowler seconded, adoption of the proposed Action Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

Candidate Development. Maggie Abbott-Fowler reported that her committee’s Action Plan is focused on inviting other committee chair persons to their once a month meetings, and trying to find out who might be interested in running for

office. She is seeking to get suggestions from anyone, especially other groups who might have within them persons interested in being candidates for public office.

Energy, Environment and Sustainable Development (EES). Peter Boving reported his committee will continue with their goal of gardening for self-sufficiency; energy-raising with a goal of doing a project here in Ad-

ams County based on the Plymouth, New Hampshire model. Committee members will be touring a Wind Mill Farm in Maryland.

Community Services Committee. Denise reported that the goal of the Tuna Collection is to collect 850 cans because there are 850 families served by SCCAP. There will be a tuna counting party at the Soup Kitchen on Sunday evening May 10th from 6 to 7 pm. The committee has other projects under consideration for the future.

Iraq Task Force. Elaine announced that this Task Force will suspend meetings for the near future.

Next Health Care for All meeting will be either Tuesday, 5/19 or Thursday, 5/21 at Jeanne Duffy's house.

Adjournment. The meeting ended at 8:25 PM.

Virginia A. Ciliotta

Recording Secretary