



**July 18, 2019 – FINAL Meeting Minutes  
Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, NY**

ED	Last Name	First Name	Present	Proxy	Absent	ED	Last Name	First Name	Present	Proxy	Absent
1	Connolly	Kristan C		X		17	Novak	Jaya	X		
	Ungerman	Susan E.	X				Dorsey, Jr.	Leo E	X		
2	Chiarello	Mario P			X	18	Wagoner	Giles C			X
	Coffey	Thomas		X			Ciafardoni	Lori		X	
3	Kindlon	Lee			X	19	Piper	Shari	X		
	Paty	Philip K			X		Sanders	Michelle U.	X		
4	Robbins	Pamela C		X		20	Beeler	Patricia A		X	
	Sherman	John			X		Bushart	Bruce O	X		
5	Brousseau	Cara J		X		21	Ortiz	Miguel G	X		
	Ference	Reed			X		Hackman	Peter W	X		
6	Hurewitz	Jay A			X	22	Dijstelbergen	Christa	X		
	Silverman	Lorraine R			X		Goodfellow	Thomas J	X		
7	Baker	Jeffrey J	X			23	Furman	Anne C		X	
	Becker	Mark S	X				Messina	Janet S		X	
8	Birn	Jennifer A	X			24	Ginsburg	Gary K		X	
	Meyer	Matthew J			X		Hogan	Barbara S			X
9	Skripak	Pamela	X			25	Coffey	Daniel W		X	
	Snyder	Jeremy D	X				Jordan	Wendy L	X		
10	Cunningham	Joanne E	X			26	Hallock	Gary J			X
	Cunningham	Maureen O			X		Raleigh	Sean T			X
11	Grasso	Steven L			X	27	Bilik	James	X		
	Young	Alexis			X		Collens	John D	X		
12	Bannigan	Peter F			X	28	Picarazzi	Louis J			X
	Roney	Alicia M			X		Miller	Matthew J	X		
13	Elliot	Mary S	X			29	Mack	Barrett D		X	
	Kuhn	Jeffrey D	X				Cocchiara	Gina F			X
14	Saunders	Emily G		X		30	Roods	Samuel	X		
	Beebe	Timothy K	X				Oppenheimer	Joshua L	X		
15	Noether	Chanson D	X			31	Gold	Melissa		X	
	Garry	Rose Ann	X				Rogers	Samuel	X		
16	Barron	Matt			X						
	Arias	Rudy A			X						
<b>TOTAL</b>									<b>28</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>

**Visitors:** Marc Dorsey, Joyce Becker, Carl Schell, David VanLuven (4 visitors)

**Call of the Roll, Welcome, and Meeting Goals:** Chair Joanne Cunningham called the meeting to order at 6:59. Secretary Chanson Noether confirmed that a quorum was present. Joanne Cunningham welcomed visitors, new members, and executive team.

**Review of Meeting Minutes:** February 2, 2019 minutes were circulated electronically to the full BDC prior to the meeting for review. No revisions to minutes from 2/9/19 were noted at the 7/18/19 meeting. Unanimous vote to approve as drafted.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was submitted and reviewed. Bruce Bushart noted \$10,900.60 balance as of 7/10/19. Bruce reviewed recent donations to local organizations and reviewed expenditures and revenue from the May 2019 Taste event. Approval of the report was unanimous.

**Chair's Report:** Joanne Cunningham reviewed several items, as follows:

- The need to do more fundraising and potentially the need to put together a strategic plan for aggressive fundraising and more broadly promote use of ActBlue by donors.
- The results of the 6/25/19 primary election and an overview of various post-primary debriefings.
- With assistance from Jeff Kuhn, reviewed the Supreme Court election strategy, including the history and purpose of the state judicial convention in August, as well as the candidate nomination process and race strategy. A lively discussion ensued.
- Joanne indicated that she would like the BDC to support a statement of principles that would be drafted by the BDC Executive Committee that would include a “no negative campaigning” policy that all endorsed candidates would be required to commit to and a stated requirement that all endorsed candidates file the required campaign-related forms with the State BOE and do so in a timely manner. The BDC EC will work on this for review and endorsement of the full BDC.

### **Committee Reports**

**Operations:** Jeff Baker reviewed the petitioning and primary process and thanked everyone who helped for all of their hard work throughout the entire process. A question was raised regarding strategy to take advantage of this year's early voting mechanism. It was noted that the executive committee would be meeting soon to discuss.

**Fundraising:** Pam Skripak reviewed recent fundraising events and noted that the numbers for Taste were slightly down. For next year we need to pay even more attention to the date and try to make it as strategic as possible given the new June primaries. Oktoberfest is tentatively being held on 10/17 or possibly 10/24 and encouraged everyone to assist with the event.

**Personnel:** Pam Skripak mentioned Jan Messina is stepping down as a District Leader. The next time the BDC meets a vote will be taken by members from those districts to fill Jan's District Leader role/seat. Pam also asked people who haven't been very active to review their commitment to the BDC and let her know so interested candidates can be further recruited to fill vacating seats.

**Community Service:** Matt Miller reported that we will again convene an Adopt a Highway event in September. A message will come out via the BDC listserv when the date has been finalized.

**Ad Hoc Communications:** Pam Skripak noted the committee needs to get organized to prepare for the November elections and encouraged more members to sign up and help out.

**Ad Hoc Legal and Parliamentarian:** Jeff Kuhn and Lorraine Silverman have been named to serve on this committee. There was no report at tonight's meeting.

### **General Announcements:**

David VanLuven and Matt Miller gave a status update on Lou Picarazzi's health.

David VanLuven provided a “town scan” of key issues that are likely to be “hot button” issues in the November election:

- Delaware Ave. “road diet” and meetings with business owners along that corridor
- Overdevelopment and loss of farmland – and our counters to this such as the comprehensive plan update, farms and forests fund, and parkland set-aside fund
- Vape shop moratorium

- Community choice aggregation – method of getting energy suppliers to bid on providing municipal energy resources – would be a collaborative among many local towns, including Bethlehem

There was a motion and unanimous agreement to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 PM.