



**November 29, 2018 – 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	Stevens	Deborah	X		
	Ungerman	Susan E	X				Dorsey, Jr.	Leo E	X		
2	Chiarello	Mario P	X			18	Wagoner	Giles C			X
	Coffey	Thomas		X			<b>VACANT</b>				
3	Bulgaro	Margaret A			X	19	Sanders	Michelle U			X
	Paty	Philip K	X				Piper	Shari M	X		
4	Robbins	Pamela C		X		20	Bushart	Bruce O	X		
	Reinhardt	William W			X		Beeler	Patricia A			X
5	Brousseau	Cara J	X			21	Ortiz	Miguel G		X	
	Ference	Reed	X				Hackman	Peter W	X		
6	Hurewitz	Jay A			X	22	Hager	Susan K			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	Hogan	Barbara S			X
	Meyer	Matthew J	X				Ginsburg	Gary K	X		
9	Snyder	Jeremy D	X			25	Coffey	Daniel W	X		
	Skripak	Pamela	X				Jordan	Wendy L		X	
10	Miller	Linda			X	26	Hallock	Gary J			X
	Cunningham	Maureen O			X		Raleigh	Sean T	X		
11	Saunders	Emily G	X			27	Bilik	James	X		
	Grasso	Steven L			X		Collens	John D	X		
12	Cunningham	Joanne E	X			28	Miller	Matthew J	X		
	Bannigan	Peter F	X				Picarazzi	Louis			X
13	Conway	Amy P	X			29	Mack	Barrett D		X	
	Kuhn	Jeffrey D	X				Cocchiara	Gina F	X		
14	Joyce	Amy E	X			30	Roney	Alicia M			X
	Beebe	Timothy K	X				Barron	Matthew R	X		
15	Noether	Chanson D	X			31	Meredith	Hayes B			X
	Garry	Rose Ann			X		Oppenheimer	Joshua L	X		
16	Elliot	Mara S	X								
	Arias	Rudy A			X						
<b>TOTAL</b>									<b>36</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>19</b>

**Visitors:** Samuel Roods (1 visitor)

**Call of the Roll, Welcome, and Meeting Goals:** Chair Joanne Cunningham called the meeting to order at 7:04. Secretary Chanson Noether confirmed that a quorum was present. Joanne Cunningham welcomed visitors and introduced new officers.

**Review of Meeting Minutes:** September 24, 2018 minutes were circulated electronically to the full BDC prior to the meeting for review. Revisions to minutes from 9/24/18 were noted at the 11/29/18 meeting as follows:

- In the contested District Leader race for the Glenmont District (EDs 19, 20, 22, 23 & 24) in a weighted vote, Jan Messina was elected to the position
- Per the results of the weighted vote Pam Robbins, Dan Coffey, Jeff Kuhn, and Joanne Cunningham were elected as the four BDC representatives to the ACDC Executive Committee

- Per the results of the weighted vote, Tom Coffey was not elected as a BDC representative to the ACDC Executive Committee, but was subsequently nominated by Joanne Cunningham as an ACDC “at large” member, which was approved by the ACDC.
- It was also noted that the BDC has a sixth member of the ACDC Executive Committee, as Lorraine Silverman was elected as the new ACDC treasurer. Minutes were approved unanimously with the modifications noted above.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer’s report was submitted and reviewed. Bruce Bushart noted a net of \$ 3538.07 raised from Oktoberfest event. Approval of the report was unanimous.

**Chair’s Report:** Following the Treasurer’s report Joanne Cunningham reviewed the mission of the BDC and the results of the 2018 elections, drawing comparisons among parties and between 2018 and prior election years. It was noted that the turnout was high and that we are maintaining our strength. Chair then reviewed the roles and responsibilities of BDC members. Chair encouraged everyone to pitch in and suggested that all members should be part of at least one of the committees. Chair reviewed town and county races for next year (County: four county legislators in Bethlehem, County Executive, District Attorney, and Sheriff & Town: two board seats, Supervisor, and Highway Superintendent). Chair then reviewed priorities for the BDC for next year, including the recruitment and re-election of good candidates for above positions, raise more money, recruitment of a more diverse and engaged BDC, and supporting young Democrats.

## **Committee Reports**

**Operations:** Thanks to all who helped GOTV and with door hangers. Also thanks to those who collected and reported election results. One snag was noted at a polling site, where the collector was not allowed access to the machine tape despite having authorization from the Town Clerk. That issue is being followed-up on by Jeff Baker to attempt to prevent it from occurring again in 2019.

**Fundraising:** The major fundraisers that BDC hosts were reviewed and there was a request for more BDC members to join the fundraising committee.

**Personnel:** Hayes Meredith and Linda Miller will be leaving and Rick Picarazzi has already resigned. Sam Roods will join to fill one of the vacant slots. Personnel committee will explore additional members to fill slots.

**Community Service:** Matt Miller noted that he is collecting donations at the end of the meeting for the Bethlehem Community Fund on behalf of the BDC membership. Chair encouraged all members to donate.

**Ad Hoc Communications:** Pam Skripak reviewed “blue button” on website as fundraising tool. Chair noted request for help, especially with the website. The committee is in desperate need for help with social media, website, and messaging. Interested members remained after the meeting for a brief meeting.

**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:** Pam Skripak provided an overview of the progressive leadership group and some of the activities in which members have been engaged recently and encouraged people to reach out with interests. Leo Dorsey is running for Delmar Fire District Commissioner and would appreciate

support of membership who live in Delmar Fire District in the election on 12/11/18 from 6-9PM, voting is at the Delmar Fire Station. Leo will share additional information with the BDC for distribution. Dan Coffey thanked the BDC for all of their efforts in helping him and other Democrats get elected. January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 PM at Town Hall is the swearing in ceremony for Dan and Ryan Donovan. Please attend.

There was a motion and unanimous agreement to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM.