

**Roane County Democratic Party Executive Committee
Kingston Community Center
September 17, 2009**

MINUTES

Bobby Cowan called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Previous balance was \$419.25. \$320.00 was spent on food for the Labor Day Picnic, leaving a balance of \$99.75. \$275.00 in proceeds from the picnic were deposited, which makes the current balance \$374.25. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept this report.

Old Business

1. Labor Day Picnic

The following lessons were learned as a result of the picnic this year:

- Schedule it around UT football game.
- Bob Cowan suggested we have it the weekend before Labor Day weekend and possibly have parades with high school bands in Rockwood, Harriman and Kingston.
- Schedule Shed #2 which is larger.
- Purchase the barbeque only and have other food brought by members.
- Have an additional event before primary next summer to showcase candidates.

New Business

1. Future meetings

2. A general discussion was held about plans for future meetings. Steve Scarborough said that a friend of his, who is a Democratic county chair in South Carolina had Saturday morning breakfast meetings. Mary Ellen Blencoe suggested that our Executive Committee hold business meetings before starting a general program at 7:00 p.m. Andy Holmbeck and Steve will explore having a joint meeting with the Young Democrats at Roane County High School in October, possibly an "Octoberfest" dinner to raise funds for the student club. Bob Cowan and Mary Ellen volunteered to look into a November dinner/show meeting at Roane State. There will be a conference call on Monday, October 5th to disseminate information about the October meeting.

3. Officers

Charles Sargent has resigned as chairman of the RCDPEC, citing commitments elsewhere that prevent him from performing his required duties. Vice-chairman Bob Cowan was elected chairman by acclamation. A motion was made, seconded and approved that Rockwood City Chair Steve Scarborough be elected vice-chairman. This leaves three city chair positions vacant: Rockwood, Harriman, and Oliver Springs/Oak Ridge. The Harriman City Chair, Marty Taylor, has not attended any of the meetings since the Convention. Peggy Meier, who was the Oliver Springs/Oak Ridge City Chair, died September 14, 2009. It was agreed that the unfilled City Chairs will remain vacant for the time being.

4. Peggy Meier

A moment of silence was held in memory of Peggy Meier. It was agreed that a condolence card from the RCDPEC would be sent to her family. A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 3 immediately after the receiving of friends (10:30-11:00 a.m.) at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1500 Oak Ridge Turnpike. It was requested the following be placed in the minutes as a tribute to Peggy's long service to the Roane County Democratic Party:

Peggy Meier was a long-standing and active member of the Democratic Party. She served Roane County as an officer of the Executive Committee and president of the Women's Club. She was elected to the Tennessee Democratic Party executive committee and was a candidate in the 1978 primary for the 33rd Tennessee State Legislative District. Actively involved in other civic and service organizations, Peggy's life reflected her Democratic values. We mourn her passing and treasure her memory.

5. A discussion regarding upcoming events in Roane County was held. It was noted that it is important that the Democratic Party participate in some way at these activities. The Kingston Community Fair (10/2-3) and the Rockwood Fall Festival (10/3) are two such events. Sharon Richardson said she had been sending information to the *Roane County News*. Annie Scarborough volunteered to get information about the Kingston fair and Brad Parish will obtain literature from the Democratic candidates. Information will be sent to members via e-mail.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Blencoe
Secretary