

East Penn Democratic Club
January 19, 2025
General Meeting Minutes, Zoom

1. Called to order at 1:30 pm. Meeting held via Zoom due to snowstorm. Presided by President Gab Klotz.
2. Moment of silence for the passing of President Jimmy Carter.
3. Motion of adopt agenda with flexibility and December 15 General Meeting Minutes. 1st Jen Allen. 2nd Louise Dillensnyder.
4. Treasurers report per Jen Allen. November 2024 balance approximately \$3200.00. Detailed report pending. Motion to approve report. 1st James Shackelford. 2nd Terri Purdy.
5. Educational Presentation. Jen Allen introduced Frank Alvarado, Director of Research and Data Management, LV Economic Development. Frank spoke about the economic assets of the Lehigh Valley and marketing strategies used to attract new businesses and talent.
6. EPDC Election results. Stefanie Rafes is our new Vice President and Daisy Roosa is Treasurer. Welcomed both and thank you to Joyce Moore and Deb Mjaatvedt for their service.
7. Per Lori McFarland, we need Precinct Committee Persons (PCP) for all neighborhoods in the EPSD and Allentown. Training is scheduled on January 22 at 6:30 pm, LCDC office.
8. Petition signing season beginnings in February 18 and ends March 11. Training is scheduled 2/18, LCDC office. Persons wanting to run for office are required to get a specific number of signatures to be considered as a Candidate for May 20 Primary.
9. We need Candidates to run for local Office. List of open positions are on the LCDC website. Interested persons must complete a Democratic Candidate Declaration Form on website.
10. MLK Day of Action is January 20. The LCDC Office will be open at noon to support each other in moving forward.
11. EPDC has new Social Media account with Bluesky.
12. Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:25 pm. 1st Lori McFarland and 2nd Cathleen O'Connor. Meeting Adjourned.

