

BYLAWS
of
PENNRIDGE DEMOCRATS

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ARTICLE I

Name

This Organization shall be known as the Pennridge Democrats (the Organization).

ARTICLE II

Purpose

1. To promote good government in East Rockhill Township, Perkasio Borough, Sellersville Borough and West Rockhill Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.
2. To promote Democratic registrations and create and maintain loyalty to the Democratic Party, its values and its issues.
3. To aid in the selection and election of qualified Democrats to municipal, county, state and federal offices.
4. To create a feeling of good will and fellowship among its members at all times.

ARTICLE III

Members

1. To be eligible for becoming and remaining a member of the Organization a person must:
 - a) be a registered Democratic voter in East Rockhill Township, Perkasio Borough, Sellersville Borough or West Rockhill Township; and
 - b) abide by the Bylaws of the Organization.

After attending one meeting, individuals become eligible for membership and will become a member upon expressing a desire to do so at a subsequent meeting.

2. Any member charged with conduct harmful to this Organization shall be given notice of the alleged misconduct and one week's notice of a hearing by the Executive Committee. If said charges are considered substantiated, the Executive Committee must then hold a vote on the expulsion of the member at that meeting. If expulsion is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the present members of the Executive Committee, the member shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership for a period not to exceed two years.

Any member who has been expelled by the Executive Committee may appeal the expulsion to the full membership. A special meeting of the membership shall then be held within seven (7) days. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present shall be required to uphold the expulsion.

3. A politically unregistered resident of East Rockhill Township, Perkasio Borough, Sellersville Borough or West Rockhill Township who is below the voting age of 18 may apply for membership by expressing a willingness to abide by the Organizations bylaws and demonstrating a commitment to the Democratic Party and its principles.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings and Voting

1. Members, prospective members and guests invited with the approval of the Chairperson are permitted to attend meetings of the Organization.

2. The Organization shall hold its regular meetings once per month on the dates selected by the Chairperson in consultation with the general membership.

3. Special meetings shall be called by the Chairperson when deemed necessary or if requested to do so in writing by five (5) members. Any request or call for a special meeting shall state the nature of the business to be conducted at that meeting. Notice for all special meetings shall be given to all members not less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting. The notice shall include the nature of the business to be conducted. Only such business as mentioned in the meeting notice may be transacted. Valid notice may be by letter, telephone, and/or email.

4. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with these Bylaws and *Robert's Rules of Order, Revised*.

5. One-quarter (1/4) of the members shall constitute a quorum for a regular or special meeting.

6. Proxies shall be permitted for any purpose by this Organization.

7. No person—including proxies—shall be permitted to vote at any meeting unless he/she is a member in good standing.

8. All voting shall be conducted by an open vote of the membership.

ARTICLE V

Endorsements

1. Before any primary election for any elective office that is elected wholly from within East Rockhill Township, Perkasio Borough, Sellersville Borough or West Rockhill Township, this Organization will consider endorsing unopposed candidates

2. All persons entitled to vote shall be entitled to vote for endorsement of candidates for offices in East Rockhill Township, Perkasio Borough, Sellersville Borough or West Rockhill Township regardless of residency in the respective municipalities.

3. For the purpose of endorsements, only members in good standing shall be entitled to vote.

4. Before any person shall be endorsed he/she must receive the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those eligible votes actually cast at the meeting where the endorsement vote is taken.

5. Once made, an endorsement may not be changed unless at least two-thirds (2/3) of all those eligible to cast votes for an endorsement vote to change the endorsement at a duly convened endorsement meeting.

6. No vote on an endorsement shall be valid unless taken at a duly called meeting of the Organization not more than 60 days before the election where notice of the meeting and the fact that an endorsement would be considered was given to all members of the Organization at least five (5) days before the meeting. Valid notice may be by letter, telephone, and/or email.

ARTICLE VI

Officers and Election

1. Officers of the Organization shall be the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

The signatures of two officers of the Organization shall be required for any expenditure exceeding seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).

2. Officers shall be elected at the June meeting of each year in which the Governor of Pennsylvania is elected, and shall hold office for four years or until successors are elected.

3. Only persons entitled to vote in the Organization shall be eligible to hold office in the Organization.

4. Should a vacancy occur in any office of this Organization for any reason, the vacancy shall be filled by a vote of the membership at the next regular meeting after the vacancy occurs. The person who is selected to fill any vacancy shall hold office for the balance of the original term.

ARTICLE VII

Committees

1. Committees of the Organization shall be classified as the Executive Committee and Special Committees.

2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers of the Organization.

3. The Executive Committee shall have the power, with the approval of the Chairperson, to act for the Organization between meetings; provided, however, that such power shall not include the power to elect officers, make endorsements, or amend these Bylaws.

4. The Parliamentarian of the Organization shall be appointed by the Executive Committee as needed.

5. The Chairperson of the Organization shall appoint the members and chairpersons of all committees.

6. All special committees shall consist of three (3) or five (5) members.

7. Committees may include temporary volunteers who are not members of the Pennridge Democrats.

8. Special committees may be created from time to time by the Chairperson or by the general membership by majority vote. The purpose and duration of a Special Committee shall be stated when it is created.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

1. Amendments to these Bylaws shall be approved only upon the affirmative vote of a two-thirds majority of those members voting at a duly convened regular meeting where an amendment is properly brought to vote under this Article.

2. Any proposed amendment must be first introduced at the regular meeting prior to the regular meeting at which it will be submitted for vote. After being introduced the amendment must be reduced to writing and delivered, mailed, or e-mailed to all members at least five (5) days prior to the meeting at which it will be submitted for vote.