**Saugerties Democratic Committee**

**Meeting April 23, 2019**

**6:30 Neighbor to Neighbor presentation by Amy Fradon and Andy Piscarek.**

Components are Leaders and the Committee. Leaders job is to recruit, train and nurture canvas teams. Teams are assigned a turf, usually around where they live. (Return to “not homes” until you get them). Generally canvass in teams of two. Objective is conversation to establish a relationship. No survey questions. Role is to inform and listen, not to persuade. Use MiniVan that is essential.

Canvass in waves, the first being strong Dem voters. Try to get email addresses. 2nd wave is intermittently voting Democrats with record of 60 and above, plus NOPs. 3rd wave is Get out the vote ten days prior to election comprising “maybes” from wave 2. Rochester has data to show how successful this has been and, above all, have been building community. The Chair suggested members study the handout, think about it, and consider implementing it. He added that participants do not necessarily have to be Committee Members. He said we can talk about it at our next meeting.

**Music “The Times They Are a Changin’” performed by Skip Arthur**

**ROLL CALL**

Connie Bailey, Kathie Gordon, Mike Cimorelli, Pamela Ross, Bill Barr, John Schoonmaker, Kathleen Gray, Christine Dinsmore, Skip Arthur, Mike Harkavy, Judy Lechner, Tim Scott, Nancy Schaef, Chris Allen, Bob Gelbach, Margo McGilvrey, Rick Cousin, Kat Smith, Nejla Liias, Barbara Boyce, Lanny Walter, Aaron Levine

**1. Approve minutes from March 26, 2019 meeting.** Motion seconded by Kathy Gordon. Motion passed unanimously.

**2. Treasurer’s Report:**

March 26, 2019 Balance $1760.37

Collected at meeting 206.00

Check for office supplies 44.27

Check to Town for Mic & Kitchen 115.00

Check to copy petitions 9.84

Website annual fee 99.00

PO Box annual fee 76.00

Fundraiser tickets 28.23

Balance $1,594.03

Motion to approve report seconded by Tim Scott; report was unanimously approved. Margo then repeated that the fundraiser is May 9.

**3. Guest presenter: Tobias Hess and Sunrise Movement and Green New Deal.** Both students at Bard. Youth-led organized behind the Green New Deal. Recognize that the Green New Deal is vague by design. Stressed the importance of framing all proposals in terms of how they can be achieved within the time necessary. Said they were disappointed in Delgado’s preference for incremental change. They are seeking Committee’s assistance in helping get Delgado on board. Distributed letter for us to consider. The Chair suggested sending the letter out to Committee Members and all present and suggested considering this at our next meeting to convey to Congressman Delgado. The presenters pointed out that they were seeking signatories to their letter. Kathy Gordon suggested we get a response to this issue from Delgado’s office before taking a stance. Bob Gelbach suggested establishing a liaison between the Committee and the Sunrise Movement. Mike Harkavy suggested the Chair forward this letter with a cover letter, saying we want a response in person to the Committee. The Chair countered that we will not send the letter out before the Sunrise Movement is ready for its release but that he would contact the Congressman’s office to get a feel for his position on these matters.

**4. New Members/New Voters:** The Chair wanted to discuss providing a way for new enrollees to participate in the Committee. He suggested making individual calls to candidates inviting them to join, and distributed a pad for sign-up to make them.

**5. Pat Ryan Day: April 25-Breakfast with Pat, Village Diner, 9 am, telephone calls for Pat staring at 5:00 pm at Senior Center (ERROR IN PAPER, 25TH IS THE DAY).** He asked for participants Thursday morning to have breakfast with Pat.

**6. Support for Town Candidates in June 25 primary-Fred vs. Paul, Nicole Roskos in Green Party OTB, District 1 County Legislature-OTB for Aaron Levine in Independence Party and Green Party.** There will be a primary between Fred and Paul. If Fred can win the Independence party vote, he will win the election. If not, it will be tough. Mike said Fred’s campaign can use help with mailers and is working on getting canvassing ready, for which some help will be needed. He and Patti Kelly will cut turfs for canvassing Independents. He said he will have dates by next month’s meeting. He said he estimates the printing and mailing cost would be about $500.

Nicole has submitted an OTB for the Green Party. The Chair said some coordination would be welcome between the two campaigns. He asked them to work this out and said the Executive Committee was in favor of working this out.

Mike made a motion for $500 and Nejla Liias seconded it. Gary Bishoff said his campaign could use some funds as well. He said the door-to-door effort for Independents will be critical.

There is a request from Aaron Levine’s campaign for $250 for helping make an Independence Party OTB effort. Mike Cimorelli so moved and Connie Bailey seconded it.

Chris Allen pointed out that it may be more important to Fred Costello’s campaign to get funds soon. The Chair expressed his agreement. Gary Bishoff disagreed.

The Committee voted unanimously to grant $500 to Fred Costello’s campaign.

The Committee voted unanimously to grant $250 to Aaron’s and Nicole’s campaigns. The Chair asked members to volunteer to help Aaron and Nicole in their efforts. The Chair took names of those obliging. Nancy Schaef suggested sending the list to the full Committee for review to see if they know Green Party members who they can reach by first notifying the campaign so that it’s coordinated. Mail checks for Nicole to Friends of Nicole Roskos at 10 Stoll Road.

**7. Headquarters.** Still looking for a venue. Asked for members to inform him of any possibilities, especially in the village.

**8. Standing Committees**

**Local Campaign Coordinating Committee-Planning Document.** Developed a planning document for campaigns and individuals to follow that was distributed. It is an effort to explain the flow of a local campaign. One of the purposes is to avoid last minute requests from candidates for funds. Barbara Boyce moved to adopt the working plan as the Committee’s official campaign plan. Motion was seconded by Christine Dinsmore and unanimously approved.

**Fundraising Committee-May 9 lasagna galore-volunteers needed.** Margo McGilvrey passed out tickets and encouraged members to sell them. Volunteers are still needed for decorating. A salad czar was also needed (Kathy Gordon volunteered).

**Program Committee-Environmental Issues confronting our community-April 24.** Christine Dinsmore thanked members for attendance at previous forum and hoped it continues for this next one. Nancy Schaef cautioned presenters to be prepared to address the audiences concerns about the Karolys dumping issue.

**9. Judge Race-Supreme Court.** Discussion continuing about whether to support Cheryl Roberts rather than old boy’s club motion. Three Supreme Court seats are up for appointment.

**10. Adjournment.** The Chair moved to adjourn; seconded by Pamela Ross and unanimously approved**.**

Respectfully submitted

Bill Barr, Secretary

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