Saugerties Democratic Committee Meeting

24 October 2017

**Get Out the Vote Cards:** The Chair thanked members and guests for their help, prior to the meeting, in labeling and stamping the cards that the committee is sending to all Democrats prior to election.

**Roll Call**

**Members:** Connie Bailey, Bill Barr, Kathy Gordon, Pamela Ross, Mary Anne Wrolsen, Kathleen Gray, Mike Harkavy, Tim Scott, Marcus Arthur, Barbara Boyce, Christopher Allen, Nejla Liias, Margo McGilvrey, Rick Cousin, Lanny Walter

**Nonmembers:** John Schoonmaker, Debbie MacIsaac,

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Secretary moved that they be approved; it was seconded by Mike Harkavy and approved unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report:** (Summary)

Balance September 26, 2017 $4796.56

Meeting Collection 90.00

Fundraiser Expenses 1845.61

Campaign Expenses/Contributions 2906.55

Deposited from Fundraiser 3994.00

Balance Oct 24, 2017 $4128.40

Treasurer moved approved her report; seconded by Rick Cousin; approved by unanimous consent.

**Get Out the Vote (GOTV) Game Plan:** The Senior Center has been reserved for November 2 to use for last minute organizing. We will meet at 6 pm. The goal is to have a person from each election district or a person for each polling station to go to polling station and photograph all Democrats who have voted at 3 pm. That will be compared with a list of all inclined to support us; phone calls will then be made to all those who have not yet shown up. Additionally, the canvas period will be extended to November 6 to visit about 90 people in E.D. 2 who rarely vote, giving them the one page flier developed by Nejla Liias. When voting data are coded into BOE data base, we can determine if last-hour contact significantly affected the turnout. It is also planned to determine if Mike MacIsaac’s mailing to young voters affected turnout. The Chair then asked for volunteers to be lead person in their districts and recorded them. This is to be finalized at the November 2 meeting. The link to apply to become a polling observer will be sent out. Information will be sent to Liz to put on the web.

**Constitutional Convention:** Rick Cousin moved that the committee resolve to oppose it. The motion was seconded by Connie Bailey. Motion passed with one vote opposing.

**Bristol Beach:** Meeting on Bristol Beach has been postponed until November 16 at which time the contractor will deliver a report. Mary Anne Wrolsen stated that some decisions should be made before construction begins by a “handful of people”. Skip Arthur said that meetings are being scheduled by the town and the contractor rather than the CAC Chair. Skip said it would be very helpful to have a good turnout of concerned citizens at next meeting. Skip will provide a notice for the Secretary to send out.

**Ballot Propositions**: Nejla Liias asked about the propositions on the back of the ballots. Bill Barr explained the proposition for swapping out wildlands and some of the intent behind its language. He said most environmental groups he was aware of are supportive of it.

**Flashing Signs:** Fred Costello said the issue is back in the Comprehensive Planning Committee and somewhat in limbo. He said he could not predict how the decision would go if it came back for a vote, but there is no guarantee that will happen. DOT guidance prohibits moveable signs closer than 400 feet from each other and from traffic lights which would have implications for restricting trade. He feels the current law has significant problems and will not be voted upon soon.

**Announcements:**

The Chair announced the Ulster County Democratic Committee Annual Fall Dinner on October 29 and said an announcement will be forwarded to committee members.

Chris Allen said he talked to Ulster Publishing about the committee’s plans for advertisement. Candidates or their representatives need to consult with them soon to finalize the advertisement. He said this probably needs to be finalized by Thursday.

Chris Allen also introduced the idea of buying political online advertising from newspapers. Candidates pay an average of $.01 per impression. Mike Harkavy also discussed advertising through Facebook and said it was cheap and very effective.

**Motion to Allocate Funds for Campaigns**: Rick Cousin moved that the Committee pay $150 for 15,000 impressions that the candidates can use to put the advertisement discussed above for Ulster Publishing. The motion was seconded by Liz Bailey and passed unanimously. Once the impressions are available, instructions will be sent to members on how to place the ad on their Facebook pages.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by the Chair and seconded by Mike Harkavy and passed unanimously.