

**SDC MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2018
SAUGERTIES SENIOR CENTER**

Members Present: Ric Cousins, Barbara Boyce, Christine Dinsmoor, Judith Lechner, Margo McGilvery, Bob Gelbach, Rev. Finley Schaef, Lanny Walter, Nancy EK Schaef, John Schoonmaker, Michael Harkavy, Kathy Gordon, Nejla Aias, Connie Bailey, Aaron Levine, Brigid Walsh, Timothy Scott, Chris Allen.

Others: Patty Kelly, Cara Stammler and Sienna, Elaine Crowley, Kevin Freeman, Nyle Phillips, Marguerita Asiain.

Reorganizational meeting convened.

Bob Gelbach moved to appoint:

Temporary Chair - Michael Harkavy

Temporary Secretary - Nancy EK Schaef

It was 2nd and unanimously moved: Kathy Gordon moved the following Slate of Officers: It was 2nd and unanimously moved:

Chair: Lanny Walter

1st VC: Nejla Lias

2nd VC: Barbara Boyce

Secretary: Bill Barr

Treasurer: Margo McGilvery

The vote was unanimous.

Lanny Walter began the September SDC meeting.
August Minutes will be presented at the next meeting.

Introductions: Cara Stammler and her daughter, Sienna. Her mother, Elaine Crowley. Other guests: Nyle Phillips, Marguerita Asiain, Kevin Freeman. Katherine Meyer.

Treasurer's Report: Margo McGilvery

Balance as of August 28, 2018 \$2336.83

Income:

Collected at last meeting	\$ 299.00
Yard Sale Fundraiser	\$1265.45

Expense:

Deposit for Sr Center	\$ 90.00
Check to Food Pantry	\$1265.45

Balance as of 09/25/2018

\$2545.83

Aaron Levine 2nd approval of Treasurer's Report. Unanimously approved.

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Results of SDC Garage Sale reported: Proceeds will go to the Saugerties Food Pantry. Christine Dinsmore, SDC Communications Director reported that a Media release will be sent announcing the presentation of the check to the Food Pantry. The event will take place October 2nd, 6:30 pm at the Food Pantry at: 44 Livingston Street. All SDC members are urged to attend.

Song: Finley Schaef introduced a new song for the **Saugerties Singing Democrats** — **"Deportees"** - Joan Baez

Coordinated Campaign Committee Report - Nejla Ailas Chair

Lanny Walter suggested the Committee engage in renting a store front in Saugerties on the corner of Main and West Bridge Streets for Campaign Headquarters. Cost: \$2700 (not sure it includes utilities and internet? Lanny will check.) Not handicapped accessible, 3 rooms with tables. So far we've collected \$2500 from campaigns and others. Lanny suggested we all sign up to cover hours at the storefront.

Nejla reported on the GOTV efforts. A Saugerties Coordinating Campaign Committee has been created to coordinate efforts for all the campaigns. Nejla reported that an outstanding team has been created to GOTV, Plan is to coordinate all the campaigns. **Juan Figueroa, Pat Strong, Antonio Delgado, Aidan O'Connor Campaigns.**

1. **Canvassing and Phone banking:** a calendar for next 3 weeks is being passed around. Please sign up. When we get closer to election planned canvassing sessions will be longer. We will need walkers and drivers.
- 2, **Phone banking .** October 24th. Phone banking starts and also two other dates closer to election
3. **Collating materials:** At the barn 186 Hommelville Road - need volunteers to collate materials for all the campaigns prior to the canvassing. Sign up sheet passed.
4. **Absentee Ballots** - Patti Kelly will get names from BOE of those who have applied for Absentee ballots need volunteers to send these ballots out to these folks
5. **Communications LTE** - need volunteers to write letters and facilitate these processes Signup sheet passed.
6. **Office hours:** sign up sheet.

GOTV Expenditures

Lanny Walter - asked Committee to allow Executive Committee to decide expenditures for the campaigns and the November election since we will not be meeting before.

Kathy Gordon made a motion to authorize treasurer to pay bills authorized by Executive Committee and recommended by Campaign Coordinating Committee for printing, stamps, mailings, newspaper and web ads for campaigns. Authority granted to Executive Committee is not limited to spend \$1500. Friendly amendment to leave Committee \$750.
2nd - Chris Allen seconded. Unanimous.

Standing Committees

Voter Data Committee - Kathy Gordon reported on results of Democratic Primary September election in Saugerties. 3500 active Dems registered. Juan Figueroa's volunteers spoke to 232 voters in Saugerties.
Prior to election attempts to reach over 1000 via phone were made.

Results: 1673 Democrats voted in Saugerties - 48% of Saugerties Democrats voted.
Juan Figueroa got 78% of Saugerties votes.

October 4 FUNDRAISER -

October 4, 2018 5:30 pm at Cantine Field \$30 tickets
Set up will start at 2pm to set up tables and chairs.

COUNTY CONVENTION THURSDAY -

Discussion followed about the upcoming County Democratic Convention next Thursday where a contested slate of officers will be the focus of the meeting. Most favor Frank Cardinale as Chair for the County and Karen Markiesenis as Vice-Chair.

Lanny Walter moved that if necessary Committee give \$200 toward rent. Judith Lechner 2nd. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE PLACEMENTS

Kathryn Meyer introduced herself. She has lived in Saugerties for 8 years. 2 children and husband. Stated she is not ready to join the Committee right now.

Kevin Freeman introduced himself. He runs a non-profit gun control organization. formerly worked IT issues. Enroll Democrat.

Cara Stammler - works at Vogue. involved in the Community. moved here full time. enrolled Democrat .

Moved by Christine Dinsmoor to welcome Cara Stammer and Kevin Freeman on the SDC. Margo McGilvery second. Unanimous. Lanny Walter will present names to County Committee.

CONFEDERATE FLAG IN SAUGERTIES

Nancy EK Schaefer raised the issue of a Confederate flag that flies over a store on RTE 212 in Saugerties. This is troubling and should be addressed with the owner of the property. This does not represent who Saugerties is and is very distressing. Kathy

Gordon will have photos taken and research owner of businesses and property owner of building. To be discussed at next meeting.

Move to adjourned Margo McGilvery. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy EK Schaef