

## **Rappahannock County Democratic Committee Reorganization Caucus for 2014-15 Biennium January 9, 2015**

### **Guest Speaker:**

Prior to the formal caucus meeting, the Chair, Ross O'Donoghue welcomed everyone, then he introduced Joel Schechtman, who is Deputy Campaign Manager for Jane Dittmar, who is running for Congress in the Virginia 5<sup>th</sup> District to review the recent decision by the Virginia courts on "gerrymandering" noting that a couple districts were changed as a result of the Court's ruling, but the 5<sup>th</sup> district remains the same. He noted his appreciation for being at the meeting to introduce himself and looks forward to working with us on behalf of Jane in the following months. He indicated that she has a good network of people working on the ground for her up and down the district and will be working with us in Rappahannock over the next few months to get to know us and seek our support for her candidacy.

### **Caucus Meeting**

The Caucus was called to order at 10:15 by Ross, the current Chair. Twenty five (25) people attended in person and 6 additional members signed up prior to the caucus for a total of 31 members. (*Note: this was the same number of members in 2014*). The caucus came to order at 10:15 a.m. Gwen Bates, appointed as the permanent secretary for this portion of the meeting, read the names of those that were absent but had applied for RCDC membership prior to the meeting, and everyone else introduced themselves, noting their particular district. There was a motion from the floor that all who applied for RCDC membership be accepted and was unanimously approved. This concluded the Caucus portion of the meeting.

### **Business Meeting**

Ross O'Donoghue, the current Chair called for nominations and there being only one nominee for each office, he called for acceptance of all nominees which were unanimously approved by voice vote. Officers elected: Chair, Ross O'Donoghue, Vice Chair, Greg Ludlow, Secretary, Barbara Dennis and Treasurer, Bruce Sloane.

It was agreed that the Executive Committee meeting be held as usual on the last Tuesday of each month and the General Meetings be held the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Public Library.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

*A social period from 9-10:15 was enjoyed by all prior to the formal portion of the meeting, including coffee, juice, and delicious food contributed by several members.*