

**MINUTES FROM RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE
MEETING**

May 3, 2016

The Chair, Ross O'Donoghue, introduced our guest for the evening, Kimberly McKiernan, who is the Registrar of Rappahannock County. Kimberly discussed troubles with absentee registration and said there will be online registration for absentee ballots. Absentee ballot registration will start on September 23 this year. The County website has all the information about voting. Kimberly would like all of us to urge our supervisors to vote for a new salary for the Registrar as a full-time position.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- The Chair, Ross O'Donoghue, asked for approval of last month's minutes, and the minutes from the April General meeting were approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Bruce Sloane, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$3,479.70 in the bank. This includes an anonymous donation of \$200.

Old Business-

FESTIVE PROGRESSIVES- Generally it was agreed that the event was successful but that some changes might be made in the future. We lost money this time, and some suggestions of ways to avoid this in the future included having less food, a better way to collect money for wine and beer, clarification of how to make donation for the food and possibly having a cover charge. Some people like the old way that we did Festive Progressives. It was agreed that we would try one more time.

New Business-

Ross discussed Give Local Piedmont. He urged all of us to do it and explained how he personally did it.

A contribution of \$1,000 was approved for Jane Dittmar's campaign.

Fundraiser at Gadino Winery- General John Douglass will probably be the speaker. Barbara will ask Kay Beattie to prepare a poster which will be printed and distributed to various areas of the County. We will have some small size posters made too. These can be given out personally by members friends and neighbors.

Get Out the Vote- Greg Ludlow explained that he now had VAN training and planned to ask local college students who attend JMU or UVA to help, starting just after labor Day. Hank also suggested talking to others, some of whom don't like Trump or Hillary, about why they should vote Democratic. We need to speak out!

