

## MINUTES FROM RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE MEETING

June 7, 2016

The Chair, Ross O'Donoghue, welcomed two guests to our meeting. The first was Blake Wheelock, Associate Director, OneVirginia2021: Virginia for Fair Redistricting. Mr. Wheelock gave us a visual presentation with slides and commentary. He explained how his organization is working to eliminate the effects of gerrymandering in Virginia. Our second guest was Ethan Damon. Mr. Damon has recently started working as an organizer for the Democratic Party of Virginia. He will be working in Fauquier and Rappahannock counties to get out the vote. He said that he would do everything possible to help us in Rappahannock. Bob Weinberg told him that it was important to include Jane Dittmar in the Democratic publicity.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- the Chair asked for approval of the minutes from the May meeting, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Bruce Sloane, Treasurer, reported that we had \$2,300.04 currently in the bank. He gave a breakdown of income and expenses for the Gadino fundraiser, which actually didn't raise any funds but cost us money.

### OLD BUSINESS-

Gadino Winery Fundraiser- There was a discussion about the reasons that we had such low attendance this year as compared to past events held at the same place. Perhaps a more dynamic speaker would entice more guests? Ross said he would try again to get Northup as a speaker. Another suggestion was to sell tickets more aggressively.

Dittmar Fundraiser at Dietels- Just a reminder. It is Friday, June 10. A ticket costs \$125.

### NEW BUSINESS-

State Convention- This will be in Richmond on June 18th. At this point it appears that Ross and Hank will be going. Ongoing discussion about the lack of support by the Democratic Party of VA for candidates from our district- Jed Duvall suggested that each of us call and ask that money be given to Jane Dittmar's campaign. Ross will speak to Joel about this. Bob Weinberg wants there to be a resolution at the convention to fund every candidate. Ross will find out how to do that.

4th of July- It was unanimously decided that we should have a presence there.

Yard Sale- at this point no one has stepped up to take charge of the event. It is imperative that we have someone to coordinate the other volunteers. This has been our largest fundraiser in years past.

Meeting Adjourned.