

RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2017 MEETING

OPEN MEETING:

Introduction of April Moore. April has endorsed Tom Perriello for Governor, and she outlined reasons why she made this decision. At this time the polls show that Perriello and Northam are about tied. April said that Perriello was good on climate issue and won't accept financial help from Dominion Power. She described him as vigorous and energetic. He is looking for volunteers and hosts for Meet & Greets etc.

Approval of Minutes- One change regarding the Independent candidate. He is not a hemp grower as stated in the March minutes. With this change the minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report- Bruce Sloane reported a bank balance of \$2,232. \$733 came from our Brunch. After expenses are paid we will still have made money on the event.

OLD BUSINESS:

18th District News- There is currently one candidate, Tristan Shields. There will probably not be any others. The caucus on May 27th will not occur if there is only one candidate.

Standing Committees and Precinct Captains- Greg Ludlow expressed the need for standing committees and precinct captains as outlined in the Bylaws. He urges members to get more involved. Greg gave out questionnaires about the outreach issues, and he asked that members return them or contact him by the time the Executive Committee meets on April 25. He believes that rural counties can't be ignored.

Blue Grass Brunch- Judy DeSarno received well-deserved praise for her work on the Brunch. She credited Gwen Bates for all her help. Notice of the Brunch was sent to local groups who resist Trump. Mary Willis is involved in many of these, and these factors helped raise attendance to record levels.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fund-raising- Since we often do not make much money at our May event at Gadino Winery, there was discussion about perhaps scratching that event and doing something in July, possibly closer to the 4th. Ross said he would form a fund-raising committee to work on this idea. Judy DeSarno made a motion to scratch Gadino and instead have something in July. The motion carried unanimously. Hank Gorfein would like to form an exploratory committee to look into the feasibility of having a 4 county rally for the 18th District candidate in October. He made a motion to this effect and it passed unanimously.

Saturday Meetings? Ross suggested that we look into changing the time and day of the week for our General Meetings. Many residents cannot come on Tuesday nights, and Saturday mornings might attract "weekenders". Barbara Dennis agreed to look into the possibility of doing this.

MEETING ADJOURNED

