

**RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2017 MEETING**

Introduction of Julie Emery. Julie is the Executive Director of the Virginia Civic Engagement Table. She described her organization as a coalition of non-profit organizations working together to help strengthen each one. Julie then described what they do and how they may be able to help us. There is a website which explains this further, and the Table has a Facebook page as well. Social media can be very effective. Help may be available to us in dealing with the General Assembly and avoiding canvassing mistakes etc.

Approval of Minutes from April 2017.

Treasurer's Report- There is \$1,958 on hand with no major expenses pending.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Trash Pick-up- It was very successful and thanks are given to Jim Blubaugh for his help.

Canvassing- Greg Ludlow said this will be our third year of canvassing, and we need many volunteers. He outlined the areas where help is needed. These include outreach and presence, precinct captains, and standing committees. The latter are: outreach, issues & resolutions, communication, fund-raising and district (precinct) operations. John Burns said that 48% of voters are not known to VAN. Ross suggested that holding an event ourselves could be a way to attract younger voters. There will be a Rally in Warrenton on May 27<sup>th</sup>. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July will be a good time to distribute flyers for the candidates.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

5<sup>th</sup> District Convention- This is about to be held today in Charlottesville. Our representatives are there now. The purpose is to elect members of the State Central Committee from the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

Update from Tristan Shields: A video made by Tristan was shown. On it he says that his campaign is going well. He will attend the Rally in Warrenton, and will be at the Jefferson-Jackson dinner in Richmond. Volunteers needs volunteers for his campaign.

Yard Sale- We still have no chair for this. Please help us find someone. John Burns has a spreadsheet with lots of potential chairs; we only need one.

Other News- Christine Smith is here with a petition. She is running for Supervisor in the Piedmont District.

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