

# RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2017 MEETING

### Approval of Minutes from June 2017

**Treasurer's Report-** Since our Treasurer, Bruce Sloane, is unable to attend this meeting due to injuries from a car accident, the details of our treasury are not available. Ross updated everyone about the accident which also involved Sharon Kilpatrick and Patrick Alther. All are recovering well.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**4th of July-** Sharon Kilpatrick wrote a letter to Ross giving the details of our participation in the event in Sperryville. It was a positive report which said that Tristan Shields had come and visited with the crowd. Water and popcorn were popular giveaways. We received \$16 in donations. This morning we heard from other helpers who felt that we needed more volunteers in the future, and we also need to become more assertive and friendly to visitors to our tent. We definitely needed more signs from the candidates.-

**Canvassing-** Greg Ludlow recapped his efforts to get his canvassing group fully staffed. He needs 8 more volunteers to cover Amissville, Flint Hill and Washington. Altogether he will need 24 canvassers. There was discussion about using VAN maps. John Burns said that he will be holding a VAN training session in August. Those interested should contact him.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**One Virginia 2021-** On July 15<sup>th</sup> a film about gerrymandering, sponsored by One Virginia 2021, will be shown at the Theater in Washington. After the movie constitutional lawyer, Paul Smith, will speak. The showing will be at the Theater in Washington. Wine and cheese at Tula's will precede the event. Reservations are needed for Tula's but not for the movie.

**Leslie Cockburn Announcement-** Rappahanock resident, Leslie Cockburn, will formally announce that she is running for the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District representative on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited, no RSVP needed, to the home of Mary Sherman Willis on July 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m.

**Fundraising for Shields-** Tristan Shields is in need of money now. Rather than wait

for our fundraiser to take shape, Judy DeSarno suggested that we send out a letter SOON to possible donors. Everyone agreed that this was a good idea and that Judy and Mary Willis should compose the letter. Hank Gorfein requested that RCDC give more money to Shields. A motion was made and carried to give his campaign another \$250.

Yard Sale- Ross said that Darien Reece has agreed to be in charge of “inside” work to include sorting, pricing and set-up. We are very grateful for her help. John Burns has lists of potential volunteers.

Upcoming Committee Reports- Ross would like next month;s agenda to include reports from our various committees. How are they doing?

Write Letters- Hank urged us to write letters to the paper(s) about the issues that Tristan Shields supports.

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