

**MINUTES
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 18, 2014**

Present: Jan Bowers, Dick Bowers, David Eldredge, Linda Hughes, Peter Hughes, Dean Knight, Susan Mills, Dolly Parkhurst, Judith Sullivan, Deborah Waugh, Robert Waugh, Mary Ann Pina and Pat Switchenko.

- 1) **Call To Order** – Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) **Minutes** – The minutes, which were previously e-mailed, were distributed for review. Deb Waugh made a motion to approve the minutes of August 21, 2014, which was seconded by Linda Hughes. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report** – Mary Ann Pina presented that the balance from last month was \$3096.02. There was interest of \$.13. Contributions to campaigns totaled \$1250. The ending balance was \$2626.44. There is a discrepancy since not all of the checks have cleared. Pat Switchenko made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Dean Knight and approved by all.
- 4) **Executive Committee Reports**
 - a. **Chair** – Chairman Hughes announced that the pre-authorized contributions were made to the candidates after the primary election. He thanked Mary Ann Pina and Pat Switchenko for their assistance. John Chapman called to thank the committee for their donation. Allen Waters also called to express his appreciation and suggested he might be pursuing a Write-In campaign. The Standouts will take place in East Harwich and Orleans rotary in October. Chairman Hughes will announce when the schedules are known; he encouraged the membership to participate, as the events are fun.
 - b. **Secretary** – Pat Switchenko shared that she was updating the membership brochures. Dean Knight offered to provide additional documents, and Pat agreed to work with Dean to finalize the brochure.
- 5) **Sub-Committee Reports – None**
- 6) **Old Business:**
 - a. **'Get Out the Vote'** – Dean Knight called Ben Keilman. He said that at the fundraisers the candidates were seeing the same people over and over, so we need to reach out to others. Dean was trying to confirm if the candidates might be coming to the Cape. Chairman Hughes said that Ben was not longer in charge of Hyannis and he is now staying in Plymouth.
 - b. **Website/Facebook Update** – Chairman Hughes started out by saying the web site looked good. Pat Switchenko indicated that she had issues with the site, saying that when in the site she received a

message that the frame could not be displayed and needed to click on another link. There was also an issue with not having permission to access some of the links and documents, which she emailed to Jeff Hadley. Linda Hughes suggested that perhaps the web site was set up for Macs. In an email to Pat, Jeff was also trying to find out from the HRTC what other documents should be added to the site. Chairman Hughes said he would like to expedite the finalization of the site and offered to contact Leo Cakounes to find out who created his web site. Comments were made that the Facebook Page looked great.

- c. **Contributions to State and Federal Candidates** – Chairman Hughes reiterated that the donations that were pre-authorized had been sent to the candidates. Subsequently, Ron Beaty sent a letter to Chairman Hughes requesting financial support in his campaign for the Cape & Island Senate position. After considerable discussion, Judith Sullivan made a motion to stay silent as an RTC on the candidacy of Jeff Beaty, which seconded by Pat Switchenko and approved by all.

7) **New Business:**

- a. **Primary Feedback** – Chairman Hughes observed that no time was wasted and ads appeared the day after the primaries.
- 8) **Candidate Update** – Leo Cakounes needs our support and the HRTC was encouraged to support all of the nominees. Volunteers are always needed at the Campaign Center in Hyannis to make calls.
- 9) **Next Meeting** – Dean Knight made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by David Eldredge. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 16th at 7 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Pat Switchenko, Secretary
Harwich Republican Town Committee**