

**MINUTES
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 15, 2018**

Present: Dick Bowers, Jan Bowers, Linda Hughes, Peter Hughes, Beth Kelsey, Mike Kelsey, Mary Ann Pina, Pat Switchenko, Lou Urbano, and Sally Urbano

- 1) **Call to Order** – Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) **Minutes** – Minutes had previously been issued to the committee for the meeting on October 18th, 2018. Pat Switchenko made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Sally Urbano. There was no discussion and they were approved by all
- 3) **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Mary Ann Pina announced that the balance in our account was \$1,440.42, which included \$.12 in interest. She also said that she submitted the pre-primary and pre-election reports. Chairman Hughes reminded the committee that we were waiting for an invoice of \$300 to pay our share of a \$1,000 full page election ad. Pat Switchenko made a motion to accept the report which was seconded by Lou Urbano. There was no further discussion and it was approved by all.

4) Old Business:

- a) **Harwich Voter Database and Letter** – Regarding the letter, Lou Urbano indicated we need to build trust with the letter recipients by doing something for them. We might focus on non-political information, such as updates on the sewer system, and provide political insight as we get closer to elections. There are 1500 names thus far in the database, and letters can be sent to 100 addresses at a time. We need support in providing back-up to the letters. We also need access to other organizations who have lists, such as the Newcomers Club. It was agreed that Eric Carroll, Lou Urbano, Beth Kelsey and Pat Switchenko should meet to discuss further. Beth Kelsey suggested that Fran Manzelli, Judy Crocker and the RTC Chairs across the Cape should meet to discuss Republican strategies. We should review the CD that was issued at a State meeting a few years ago and look at the Harwich Democrat website, seeking ideas for outreach.
- b) **Veterans Day Activities** – Beth Kelsey discussed the Flower Angels project, where flowers were delivered to residents in assistant living homes.

5) New Business:

- a) **Election Results** – There was discussion about the disappointing election results, as well as the outcome on the questions on the ballot. Beth Kelsey commented that we are not getting financial or resources support and that our candidates were too individual; we need to support the party as a team of candidates. Lou Urbano also said that Democrats know how to rile up their base. Pat Switchenko thought that we really need regional leadership across the Cape as well as the state.

6) Political Updates:

- * The annual CCRC Christmas Party is on December 9th (5 – 8 PM) at the Old Yarmouth Inn for \$40 per person. They have offered to pay for young attendees (ages 18 – 25).
- * Cape Cod Cares for its Troops will have a rally on November 24th at the former Sports Authority plaza. They have a shortfall of \$15K needed to cover shipping.

Next Meeting – The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. We will skip the December 20th meeting so the next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, January 17th, 2019 at 7 PM.

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