

**MINUTES
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE
JANUARY 17, 2019**

Present: Jan Bowers, Eric Carroll, Gayle Carroll, David Eldredge, Linda Hughes, Peter Hughes, Beth Kelsey, Mike Kelsey, Mary Ann Pina, Pat Switchenko, Lou Urbano, Sally Urbano, Deborah Waugh and Robert Waugh.

Guest: Maureen Healey

- 1) **Call to Order** – Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed our guest Maureen Healey, who has attended in the past and resolved to come more often.
- 2) **Minutes** – Minutes had previously been issued to the committee for the meeting on November 15, 2018. Gayle Carroll made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Mary Ann Pina. There was no discussion and they were approved by all
- 3) **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Mary Ann Pina announced that the beginning balance in our account was \$1,440.42. We incurred expenses of \$300 for the Chatham ad and \$102 for the P O Box. After \$.12 in interest, the ending balance was \$1038.54. She also discussed year end reports she will be submitting to the Office of Campaign Finance (OCF). Pat Switchenko made a motion to accept the report which was seconded by Jan Bowers. There was no further discussion and it was approved by all. Chairman Hughes reminded all that the annual voluntary donations are \$20 for members/associates and \$30 for family memberships.
- 4) **Old Business:**
 - a) **Harwich Voter Database and Letter** – There was discussion how to create and organize the database. Beth Kelsey offered to add the email addresses to her computer but needed the names and addresses from Eric Carroll. Eric Carroll can send the list of names to Pat for distribution, and he asked everyone to add at least 10 – 15 emails more. Pat agreed to set up a meeting with Lou Urbano and Eric Carroll, and Beth Kelsey if she is available, to discuss the data base and how to issue the letter. Chairman Hughes and Sally Urbano agreed to draft a new letter, which should include at least three timely and relevant local topics for email distribution to our database.
 - b) **Website and Facebook** – Chairman Hughes confirmed that Jeremy Gingras was still interested in posting our minutes to the website. The last minutes posted were October 17, 2017. Pat Switchenko agreed to send all remaining minutes as well as the 2019 calendar to Jeremy, which she did on January 19th. Gayle Carroll has been updating our Facebook page frequently.
- 5) **New Business:**
 - a) **CCRC** – The Treasurer Joe DellaMorte is relocating to Arizona, so the CCRC is searching for a new treasurer.
 - b) **Yard Sale** – The committee agreed to support Linda & Gayle's Yard Sale. Lou Urbano has a new trailer available for picking up items. It was suggested that proceeds could benefit a high school scholarship.
 - c) **High School Scholarship** - There was interest expressed by the committee in offering a scholarship to a Harwich high school senior. The CCRC, under pact guidelines, might be in a position to offer a \$500 scholarship to four different school districts. There was discussion on the selection process and whether it should be based on essays written by applicants and who should select the winner. Lou Urbano and Maureen Healey agreed to contact the guidance counselor at Monomoy Regional High School for suggestions how to proceed.
 - d) **Fundraiser** – Lou Urbano brought up the idea of a fundraiser and the committee liked the idea of another function at First Crush Winery. Chairman Hughes agreed to discuss available dates with Frank Puzio. This will be discussed further at next month's meeting.

6) **Political Updates:**

- * The government shutdown was discussed and Maureen Healey shared she is a federal worker who is adversely affected by the shutdown .

- * Gayle Carroll talked about the process of contacting your government officials to make yourself heard. A list of all of our representatives with their contact information, created by the Cape Cod Women's Republican Club, was handed out. When the question was raised one whether emails or phone calls was more effective, Beth Kelsey agreed to follow up with Rebecca to get a response.

- * Beth Kelsey raised her concern that we need to get more information about state-wide issues. She suggested that the Mass GOP should do a better job in providing this information.

- * Beth Kelsey also issued a letter which announced the 15th Annual "Troops in the Spotlight" hosted by Cape Cod Cares for the Troops, will be held in Hyannis on May 26th and 27th, In 2018, about 1500 packages were mailed at an average cost of \$20 per package. Monetary donations are needed to help. Gift certificates would be appreciated for raffle items. Jeff Hadley was recognized for his contribution. Jeff won the gift card tree at the CCRC Christmas party in December, which he generously donated to Cape Cod Cares for the Troops.

Next Meeting – The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM. The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, February 21st, 2019 at 7 PM.

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