

**MINUTES  
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE  
JULY 18th, 2019**

**Present:** Jan Bowers, Dick Bowers, Eric Carroll, Gayle Carroll, David Eldredge, Maureen Healey, Linda Hughes, Peter Hughes, Beth Kelsey, Mike Kelsey, Mary Ann Pina, Pat Switchenko, Deborah Waugh and Robert Waugh.

**Guest:** Maria Alex

**1) Call to Order** – Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 7 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2) Minutes** – Minutes had previously been issued to the committee for the meeting on June 20, 2019 by Secretary Pat Switchenko. Gayle Carroll made a motion to accept the June minutes with the following correction: the description of the yard sale should be revised to “Linda and Gayle are having their annual yard sale on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.” The amended motion was seconded by Linda Hughes. There was no further discussion and the amended minutes were approved by all.

**3) Treasurer’s Report** – Treasurer Mary Ann Pina reported that in May, the ending balance was \$1263.73. Interest in May was \$.06 and in June was \$.05. The ending balance was \$1263.84. Deborah Waugh made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report, which was seconded by Gayle Carroll and approved by all.

**4) Old Business:**

**a) Harwich Voter Database** – Chairman Hughes contacted Fran Manzelli to determine if the State GOP had any email contact information on Harwich Republicans. He did receive two lists, but they only totaled about 20 additional individuals. He expressed amazement how little information the State GOP had on file. Pat shared that 513 email addresses had been collected for future mailing in our database. Tax bills went sent out the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month and Lou Urbano was planning to send information to our database names in October.

**b) Website and Facebook** –Gayle Carroll continues to keep Facebook updated. Her updates on Facebook feed into the website.

**5) New Business:**

**a) Fundraiser** – The Fundraiser at First Crush Winery is Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7 PM, and Tim Whelan will be the guest speaker. We need to actively promote the event and share with other RTCs, which Beth Kelsey agreed to do. The initial flyer has already been sent to the 500+ database names and Pat sent the flyer for distribution to the CCRC to Fran Manzelli. Chairman Hughes stressed that we need a gimmick as an incentive for people to attend, such as a raffle. He displayed his items which could be donated to this cause. Perhaps we could offer a tour, if OK with Frank Puzio, about 15 – 20 minutes prior to the event. Pat agreed to contact Frank Puzio about this possibility.

Beth Kelsey agreed to handle the music. Pat offered to share Frank Puzio’s suggestion about music with Beth after the meeting. There was discussion about tickets – both for the raffle and complimentary glass of wine. Pat will contact Frank to see if he could provide these tickets as he has done in the past. For the raffle, if we offer the prizes as giveaways (perhaps in conjunction with the political game), we do not need to itemize and report the value of each prize. Chairman Hughes agreed to create and run the political game and Gayle will coordinate the food donations. Pat asked Maureen Healey if she could drop off our final flyers (when ready) at the high school since the proceeds will go to a scholarship for a high school senior. Mary Ann Pina will manage the registration desk and will accept walk-ins as well as payments by cash or check. She already has a cash box.

**b) Yard Sale** – Linda and Gayle are having their annual yard sale on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and Lou collecting donations. Those volunteering at the Yard Sale include Lou and Sally Urbano as well as Gayle and Eric Carroll.

**6) Political Updates:**

**a) Updates-** Updates included: discussion on the oil tanker which tipped over, the status of the Dollar Store opening in West Harwich on Route 28 (which thanks to Duncan Berry, Lou and Sally Urbano and others has

been rescinded), the debates next week on 7/30 and 7/31 for the Democratic presidential candidates, guesses when will Biden withdraw from the race, the Work and Family Mobility Act and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Chappaquiddick. There was mention about the tax-free weekend; Beth Kelsey reported after the meeting that the dates are August 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> and the cap is \$2500.

**b) Straw Poll** –Chairman Hughes led the straw poll discussion on the 25 remaining Democratic presidential candidates. He asked the team to classify them in one of three tiers: most favored, biggest losers and those in-between. Of the most favored winners, Biden led the pack followed (in order) by Warren, Booker, Harris, Sanders, Buttigieg, Gillibrand and O’Rourke. The biggest losers were Sestak, Messam, Gravel, Blasio, Inslee, Hickenlooper and Moulton. The rest fell in-between. The team engaged in interesting discussions and had a lot of fun.

**Next Meeting** – The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM. The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, August 15th, 2019 at 7 PM.

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