

**MINUTES
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 19th, 2019**

Present: Jan Bowers, Dick Bowers, Eric Carroll, Gayle Carroll, David Eldredge, Jeff Hadley, Dorothy Hemmings-Bassett, Linda Hughes, Peter Hughes, Beth Kelsey, Mike Kelsey, Fran Manzelli, Mary Ann Pina, Judith Sullivan, Pat Switchenko, Lou Urbano, Sally Urbano, Deborah Waugh and Robert Waugh.

- 1) **Call to Order** – Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no quorum in August, so an official meeting did not take place. Chairman Hughes recognized Fran Manzelli, State Committeeman of the Cape & Islands and encouraged the attendees to sign his nomination papers.
- 2) **Minutes** – Minutes had previously been issued to the committee for the meeting on July 18th, 2019 by Secretary Pat Switchenko. Deborah Waugh made a motion to accept the July minutes, which was seconded by Lou Urbano. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved by all.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Mary Ann Pina reported that in July, the balance was \$1263.84. Interest was \$.10 and the ending balance was \$1263.94. Pat Switchenko made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Eric Carroll and approved by all.

4) Old Business:

- a) **Harwich Voter Database** – To date, there are 566 names in the Harwich Voter Database, who had recently received a 'Save the Date' flyer for the upcoming fundraiser. Pat Switchenko will be sending an updated flyer to this list which announces that Tim Whelan will be the guest speaker at this event.
- b) **Website and Facebook** – Gayle Carroll continues to keep Facebook updated. She recently added the flyer about the October 19th fundraiser.

5) New Business:

- a) **Nomination of HRTC Members** – Chairman Hughes said we need to collect signatures of HRTC members to appear on the March 3, 2020 ballot. We have 35 spaces to fill and we need to determine how many of the existing members are still interested in the HRTC. Once we have confirmed their interest, we will collect their signatures. Chairman Hughes then reviewed the current membership list and asked specific people to follow up with those on the list. The names must be submitted by November 8, 2019. Once the signatures of existing members have been collected, we can determine if we need to recruit new members to fill the remaining spaces.
- b) **Fundraiser** – The Fundraiser at First Crush Winery is Saturday, October 19th from 5 – 7 PM, and Tim Whelan will be the guest speaker. Dr. Puzio agreed to offer a tour of the winery 15 minutes prior to the event. The proceeds will benefit a high school scholarship, similar to what the CCRC did this year. Chairman Hughes explained that we can work through the Monomoy Regional High School or publicize our scholarship on our own and manage the process ourselves.

Beth Kelsey has shared the flyer with other RTCs, and the CCRC has been notified. Pat Switchenko has sent a press release to the Cape Cod Chronicle and will send the updated flyer to the emails in the database. Chairman Hughes has created a list of political questions, where those with the correct responses will win raffle prizes. We agreed to use Dr. Puzio's satellite radio for music which he uses at his other events.

When Beth Kelsey asked who was in charge of the event, Chairman Hughes agreed to assume this role. He will meet with Beth and Gayle to do a walk-thru at First Crush Winery prior to the event to confirm layout, number of tables, etc. It was suggested that everyone who plans to attend contact Gayle to let her know who was bringing what food. Lou Urbano suggested that we collect email addresses of the attendees to add them to our database.

Chairman Hughes urged everyone to get the word out on our event and bring their friends.

- c) **Yard Sale** – Linda and Gayle had their 3rd annual yard sale on Saturday, August 3rd. They collected \$530 which they agreed to donate to the HRTC. Gayle thanked Eric, Lou and Sally, as well as everyone who donated items. The determination of whether they will hold another yard sale will be made at a later date.

6) Political Updates:

- a) **Updates-** Fran Manzelli provided some state and regional updates.
- b) **Straw Poll** –Chairman Hughes led the discussion on the last debate and the remaining Democratic presidential candidates. He next addressed with input by the membership which candidates are likely to drop out soon.
- c) **Assignment** – Chairman Hughes concluded with our two assignments – secure signatures on our ballot and promote our fundraiser.

Next Meeting – The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM. The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 7 PM.

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