

**MINUTES
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 17th, 2019**

Present: Jan Bowers, Dick Bowers, Eric Carroll, Gayle Carroll, Jeff Hadley, Linda Hughes, Peter Hughes, Beth Kelsey, Mike Kelsey, Pat Switchenko, Deborah Waugh and Robert Waugh.

Guests: Will Crocker and Judy Crocker

- 1) **Call to Order** – Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Hughes welcomed our two guests: Will Crocker, State Representative for Barnstable and Yarmouth and Judy Crocker, Republican State Committeewoman for the Cape and Islands.
- 2) **Minutes** – Minutes had previously been issued to the committee for the meeting on September 19th, 2019 by Secretary Pat Switchenko. Gayle Carroll made a motion to accept the minutes, which was seconded by Linda Hughes. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved by all.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report** – None.
- 4) **Old Business:**
 - a) **Harwich Voter Database** – Pat Switchenko reported that our database of email addresses grew to 603 names thanks to the additional names provided by Beth Kelsey from a Nauset Newcomers list. Pat also indicated that with future emails, she will add a disclaimer which will let the recipient know how to remove their email address from the group list.
 - b) **Website and Facebook** – Gayle Carroll continues to keep Facebook updated. Chairman Hughes suggested that we add available information about Will Crocker to support his re-election.
- 5) **New Business:**
 - a) **Nomination of HRTC Members** – Chairman Hughes reminded the group that we need to collect signatures of HRTC members to appear on the March 3, 2020 ballot. We have 35 spaces that can be filled and have received 28 signatures to date. There was discussion of some potential new members. The list must be submitted by November 8, 2019.
 - b) **Fundraiser** – The Fundraiser at First Crush Winery is now Saturday, November 2nd from 5 – 7 PM; the date changed from October 19th due to a later delivery of grapes. Dr. Puzio agreed to offer a tour of the winery 15 minutes prior to the event. Tim Whelan, the guest speaker, will speak about what it is like to be a Republican in Massachusetts and will bring us up to date on all things Beacon Hill. The proceeds will benefit a high school scholarship, like 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. This can be decided later.

Chairman Hughes has created a list of questions for the political game and has great prizes to give to the winners. Gayle Carroll is coordinating the food donations and a sign-up list was circulated among the members. Pat offered to send another email for those not in attendance to ask them for food or cash donations, as well. Pat sent an article to the Cape Cod Chronicle, which has not yet been published, and she agreed to follow up with the editor to get a publication date.

Chairman Hughes, Pat Switchenko, Beth Kelsey and Gayle Carroll will do a walk-through on November 1st at 11 AM at First Crush Winery to confirm layout, number of tables, etc. We need to confirm if Dr. Puzio has a flag, and we will bring our own banner. Chairman Hughes urged everyone to get the word out on our event and bring their friends.

6) Political Updates:

- a) Updates-** Judy Crocker spoke about some changes among MA politicians: Representative Randy Hunt will not seek another term as he wants to spend more time with family. Vinny DeMacedo will leave the Senate for a job at Bridgewater State University. There will be a special election to fill his seat. Judy is running for re-election and she brought her nomination papers to gather signatures. Fran Manzelli is also running for re-election. Will Crocker also updated the attendees about the Supplemental Budget. He also provided the status of Nero's bill, which he sponsored, which would allow first responders to treat and transport injured police dogs.
- b) Debate** –Chairman Hughes asked for comments on the Democratic Presidential debate. Some watched just part of the debate and some thought there were too many people on stage. When asked who won the debate, members mentioned Elizabeth Warren and Donald Trump. There was some discussion on which candidates would likely drop out first.

c) Upcoming events:

- Fundraiser for Will Crocker on Thursday, October 24th at 6 PM at Barnstable Brewing in Hyannis with special guest Charlie Baker.
- Former Trump attorney will speak at Knots Landing on Route 28 in Chatham on November 3rd. Meeting is sponsored by the Chatham RTC.
- A Cape Cod Climate Change forum will take place on Saturday, October 26th (1:30 – 4 PM) at St. Christopher's Church in Chatham. Dan Wolf will be the moderator and one of the presenters is Julian Cyr.
- There are fundraisers for Tim Whelan on December 5th, Anastasia Welsh Perrino on December 10th and Brad Jones on December 6th.
- Beth Kelsey shared that gift donations are being requested for Cape Cod Cares for the Troops for its Operation Santa. The list of gifts is posted on our Facebook page. Gift cards are always welcome.

Next Meeting – The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM. The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 7 PM.

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