

**Democrats of Amherst
Executive Board Meeting
March 13, 2017**

Faye O'Neill's House

Attendees: Anna Goulet Zimmerman, Julie Smiley, Addie Hutchison, Penny Eggleston, Peggy Harris, Lucy Spencer, Rhiannon Pochopin, Faye O'Neill, Pat Eggleston, Jon May

7:15: Meeting called to order by Anna
Minutes from 1/31 meeting approved

Treasurer's Report: Rhiannon noted that while some information was passed along from former treasurer Dick Danzinger, there was no checkbook and no account number. Faye will contact Nancy Danzinger. Shannon Chandley might be named on the account. Rhiannon and Anna will contact Shannon. It was agreed that little money will be spent before July 4th activities, plus there will be no elections this year, so we should have no large expenses. We received a request from the PTA, but agreed to not purchase an ad in the PTA Playbook this year as we are still organizing finances.

March 15 Event: As long as the schools are open on Wednesday we will hold our first event in the Souhegan High School cafeteria starting at 6pm. Jim O'Mara, Terri Behm and Lisa Eastland will be our speakers, discussing elective and volunteer positions in Amherst. Anna will provide paper plates, etc. for our potluck dinner, as well as a sign-in sheet and a donation box. Anna has also obtained the needed proof from NHDP of our tax-exempt status to assure there will be no charge for use of SHS space.

Future Amherst Democrats Topics / Speakers:

Journalist Panel

Addie has invited speakers from several local news outlets to discuss covering politics in the current climate. Arnie Arnesen has committed, as has the SHS digital newsletter staff and advisor. Others are still being recruited.

Climate Change was discussed as a possible future topic. There are several advocacy groups in NH we could connect with regarding this topic.

Julie and Lucy have been contacting advocacy groups around the state regarding information sharing for our Web Site and Facebook page and for possible future event topics.

Jon May: Jon joined us to discuss his involvement with the Souhegan Valley Community Action Group and a new sub-group calling itself “The Heat.” They want to “bring the heat” to state and local political officials regarding honesty, ethics, accountability and transparency. They are a very small group recruiting new members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45. Next meeting April 10th 7pm at Rhiannon’s house.

Minutes submitted by
Faye O’Neill, Secretary