

Democrats of Amherst Executive Board Meeting May 8, 2017

Anna Goulet Zimmerman's House

Attendees: Anna Goulet Zimmerman, Rhiannon Pochopin, Megan Murray, Faye O'Neill, Dan Veilleux, Martin Goulet

7:15: Anna called the meeting to order and welcomed Megan as our new board member. April minutes were approved once we had a quorum. It was agreed we will no longer provide printed copies of the minutes. Everyone receives copies via email. Reminders emails will be sent before monthly meetings, with minutes attached again for review.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$██████, after depositing the \$██████ we received at our potluck dinner. Rhiannon will submit the July 4th booth and float application to the July 4th Committee, along with a check for \$25 for the booth fee and proof of insurance for the parade vehicle.

Future Amherst Democrats Topics / Speakers:

Journalist Panel, May 10th, SHS Theater

Radio host Arnie Arnesen, Kevin Landrigan from The Union Leader and Jeff Feingold from NH Business Review will be our panelists, and the SHS digital newsletter staff and their advisor will moderate. Addie has contacted many local groups inviting them to attend. Megan suggested we have some small gifts for our panelists. Anna will check in with Addie re gifts and opening introductions on the 10th.

Climate Change was discussed as a possible topic for late July, early August or late September. We might have some literature or posters available on this topic at our root beer booth on July 4th. We would like to have a focus on climate change effects on NH &/or what individuals can do to make a difference. Anna & Rhiannon will work on this.

July 4th: Rhiannon and Martin will arrange a meeting to come up with creative ideas and plans for our float. This year's parade theme is "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness," and we hope to focus on life and the pursuit of happiness in Amherst.

We will also continue our sales of root beer on the green. Faye will contact Incredibrew and set up some dates for brewing and bottling. Helpers will be needed. Typical sales are about 500 bottles (20 cases.) Finished bottles have been stored in the past at the Unitarian Church in Milford. Faye will look into other possibilities, but the Church may be the best option. Rhiannon suggested also selling cups of ice cream that people could use to make root beer floats. Logistics of keeping the ice cream frozen and keeping up with scooping ice cream would be tricky, but it might be very popular and a good fund raiser. The booth used for root beer sales needs to be picked up sometime from the Danzingers, along with other Amherst Dems items they've been storing.

Labor Day: Faye will check with the Amherst Country Club to see if we can hold our usual BBQ there, and will ask which caterer they use. Possible speakers would be: Steve Marchand, Annie Kuster, someone from NHDP, or some early 2020 presidential candidates.

Other Fundraisers: Anna asked everyone to think about possible fundraiser ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm. Next meeting Monday June 12, 7pm at Faye's house.

Minutes submitted by
Faye O'Neill, Secretary