

**Democrats of Amherst
Executive Board Meeting
July 9, 2018**
Amherst Library

Attendees: Anna Zimmerman, Dan Veilleux, Clay Sammis, Penny Eggleston, Pat Eggleston, Beth Powers, Faye O'Neill

Meeting began at 6:40. June minutes were approved. Dan distributed copies of his treasurer's report. We have \$3404.28 in our account, before adding the July 4th earnings.

July 4th

A group of Democrats marched in the parade behind our Amherst Democrats banner. (The 2-year-old banner. Last year's banner is still missing.) The group included Roger Tilton (running for State Senate) and Lisa Nash (running for the floterial position.) It did not include a mini-donkey. The donkey enjoyed the grounds of Wilkins School and lots of attention, but would not join the walkers. Marchers carried signs (thank you Merlyn), wore Amherst Dems t-shirts and received a warm welcome from the crowd. Megan and Dan walked separately with the politicians. Shannon walked with the town dignitaries.

The root beer booth was again successful as a fundraiser and as good community relations. Many people helped to make this happen. A good number of people stopped by our table to pick up literature about registering to vote or about our website, drop donations in our jar &/or take a free cup or button. \$124 was donated and \$489 was the profit from sales. We ended up with 40 unsold bottles, which Beth bought for the Rock the Vote event she's planning in Milford in September.

Candidates

Anna & Martin are hosting a gathering at their home Friday, July 13th for Shannon Chandley. State Rep candidates Dan, Megan and Julie will be there as well to introduce themselves to voters. Anna will invite Lisa Nash from Bedford. Board members are encouraged to invite Amherst registered Democrats, using the call lists we made earlier this year. We agreed to gather after the event to discuss ways to help the candidates and common ideas they have that we can promote.

Anna spoke with some Republicans at Wilkins School before the parade about a possible joint candidate forum in October. They were interested and Anna will follow up. They suggested combining the forum with a fundraiser for some good cause in town to increase interest and turnout. Beth suggested the July 4th committee as a recipient. We talked about a possible tie-in with a high school group or a senior project.

We agreed to skip the Labor Day BBQ this year in favor of the candidate forum and helping to elect Democrats. Our main push will be saved for after September 1st, possibly including newspaper inserts. Tom Silvia might be a good advisor on tactics. Anna will forward an email from NHDP Erin Turmelle.

Republicans running for State Rep positions are Reed Panasiti, Peter Hansen, Scott Courtemache and Jason Hennessey.

Our treasurer will need to complete forms for the Secretary of State's office regarding any donations from the board to candidates. Given that, someone should take over Dan's treasurer duties. Pat has agreed to give that a try.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Next meeting Monday August 13th 6:30 in the downstairs room at the library.

Minutes submitted by
Faye O'Neill, Secretary