

Democrats of Amherst
Executive Board Meeting
May 14, 2018
Amherst Library

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

Meeting began at 7:05. April minutes were approved, as was the treasurer's report (later in the meeting.) Current balance is \$3,854.28. Dan and Anna are catching up on some reports from our committee to the NHDP. Committees are required to report donations of more than \$25.

Recruiting Candidates

We again discussed possible candidates for State Rep. Len has agreed to run as a placeholder, and Dad is still considering. Shannon reports that Sam Giarrusso will probably run. Anna will check on a few more possibilities.

Shannon Chandley will officially announce this week her candidacy for State Senate, and there are "Meet & Greets" set up in Milford and Amherst. Let Shannon know if you know anyone in Merrimack who might host.

Hillsborough County

Dan forwarded the emailed Hillsborough County Dems Calendar of Events.

July 4th

Several members offered to help bottle root beer. Faye will contact Incredibrew and set up 2 dates. Faye bid on a \$50 gift certificate to Incredibrew on the NHDP online auction site. We settled on a new label design (Root for US) and Anna will work on that. Faye will contact Julie Smiley regarding the plastic cups she's storing and the hat we used last year for collecting donations.

We discussed the possibility of having a walking group in the parade, with some members holding the Amherst Democrats banner and some holding individual signs. Beth suggested borrowing a donkey for the day. We could hang a sign over the donkey and Anna is willing to transport and lead the donkey. We'll probably also need a volunteer pooper-scooper. Faye, Penny & Anna will contact possible donkey owners. This year's theme is We the People.

Other

Len reported on the group NH Progress Alliance. Their mission is to build a permanent and powerful progressive movement in NH. They hope to reach out to undeclared voters and disaffected Republicans. They also want to help grass roots organizations working on particular issues. So far they've raised \$800,000 toward their \$1,000,000 goal, so they're ready to help financially.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

**Next meeting Monday June 11th in the downstairs room at the library.
NEW TIME - 6:30**

Assignments:

Keep asking Democratic (or leaning Democratic) friends and acquaintances if they want to run for State Rep.

Connect Shannon with any Dems you know in Merrimack.

Faye will contact Incredibrew to order the root beer and set up bottling dates.

Look for any local donkey owners who might lend us one for the parade.

Minutes submitted by
Faye O'Neill, Secretary