

Democrats of Amherst Biennial Caucus Minutes January 17, 2017

Amherst Public Library, 7 PM-7:30PM

7PM- Welcome and Caucus called to order by Julie Radhakrishnan, Chair of Amherst Democrats Executive Board

Presiding Secretary-Mary Arrowsmith

Caucus Clerk-Addie Hutchison

Pledge of allegiance-led by Lucy Spencer

Julie reviewed the Executive committee responsibilities and accomplishments:

- Recruits and supports candidates for local offices
- Holds a session with sitting representatives and senators hosting a panel for interested candidates
- Raises funds for local candidates
- Efforts by committee in parade (July 4th)-themed float/root beer stand
- Communication-Facebook, press releases, emails, letters to the editor, Amherst Patch, mail chimp
- Pot luck suppers in conjunction with Milford
- Fundraising dinners (ex. St Patrick's dinner)
- Yard Sale
- Labor Day BBQ

Gratitude and Appreciation expressed to departing Dick Danzinger (treasurer) and Mary Arrowsmith (secretary) for their service on the Board

Nominations for officers:

Chair-Anna Zimmerman nominated by Lucy Spencer, seconded by Dan Veilleux

Vice Chair-Dan Veilleux nominated by Lucy Spencer, seconded by Anna Zimmerman

Secretary-Faye O'Neill nominated by Anna Zimmerman, seconded by Penny Eggleston

Treasurer-Rhiannon Pochopin nominated by Anna Zimmerman, seconded by Addie Hutchison

No other nominations were offered. **Positions will be held until January, 2019.**

All elected as nominated.

Nominations for Board Members at-large

Slate nominated by Shannon Chandley, seconded by Megan Murray:

Penny Eggleston

Peggy Harris

Lucy Spencer

Addie Hutchison

Julie Smiley

Slate is elected as nominated.

Delegates to State Convention (only the 4 officers are automatic delegates, others must be elected)

Nominated by Megan Murray, seconded by Lucy Spencer:

Peggy Harris

Addie Hutchison
Penny Eggleston
Slate is elected as nominated.

Anna Zimmerman (on behalf of the Board) thanked Julie for all her service.

Julie congratulated all and reminded them that tenure begins at the end of this caucus.

~~**7:30 PM Caucus meeting adjourned by Julie.**~~

Respectfully submitted by Mary Arrowsmith

Amendment/Addition to Mary Arrowsmith's Minutes:

7:30 PM Julies leaves Caucus meeting, but vote to close is deferred for discussion of by-laws changes.

Proposed changes to By-Laws reviewed. Question was raised re: whether we should remove the requirement for a minimum of 15 people to be present for a quorum. Moved by Lucy Spencer, Second my Megan Murray, that this change should be made. Approved unanimously. Anna will make the change based on similar language used by other towns. This change will be included in the By-Laws when the changes are voted upon at the next Caucus. The date of the next Caucus was not determined. Board will decide upon a date and send out emails and the published notice as required.

(Amendment/Addition to be submitted for approval to the next Caucus, approved by Board for submission at January 31, 2017 meeting)