

MINUTES OF DANVERS DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE MEETING

August 31, 2023 – Hybrid

Present: Lou Bernazzani, Beatrice Clark, Gerald Clark, Mary Condon, Julie Curtis, Karen Desmond, Carol McLoughlin, Marilyn Hazel, David Mills, Theodore Speliotis, *Tom Meagher*

Guests: Maria Bernazzani, Joan Lovely, Jasmine Ramone

Call to Order: Chairman Marilyn Hazel called the August 31, 2023 meeting to order at 7:10 pm

Chair Marilyn Hazel introduced our guest speaker, Jasmine Ramone, Director of the Equity and Inclusion for the Town of Danvers. Director Ramone gave us an overview of what she does and why the position was created.

After hearing Director Ramone's presentation, the business meeting began.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Karen Desmond reported the following: Our committee's checking account had \$2,449.61 in it.

Secretary's Minutes: A motion was made by Tom Meagher and seconded by Lou Bernazzani to accept the minutes of the May 24, 2023 meeting as printed. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Chairperson Hazel announced that the Massachusetts Presidential Primary Nomination Paper for Ward City and Towns was on the front table. Any Democrat residing in Danvers wishing to be elected to the Committee as part of the March 2024 Primary had to sign this paper.

This year's Oktoberfest will be held at the Polish Club starting at 6:00 pm on Saturday, October 7th. We will be able to get into the club early to set up. Once again Beatrice Clark will be in charge of decorations and Bea and Carol McLoughlin have agreed to coordinate what food, etc everyone would be bringing as part of the pot luck supper. Hazel is looking for someone to assist in the kitchen. Invitations will be sent out after Labor Day and Julie Curtis will handle the publicity.

A discussion was held regarding any committee holiday happenings.

Representative Sally Kerans was unable to attend tonight's meeting but sent word about a diaper drive she was part of. She asked that this drive be a part of the Oktoberfest and it was agreed to put the drive on the flyer for the Oktoberfest. Committee member David Mills pledged a \$100.00 donation towards this drive. Kerans mentioned that she had office hours tomorrow at the Danvers Senior Center from 8:30-10:00 am and asked any committee member who was interested in donating to the diaper drive to drop the diapers off during her hours. She also asked for a donation from our committee. After discussing this donation, a was made by Julie Curtis and seconded by Ted Speliotis to allocate \$200.00 towards Representative Sally Kerans diaper drive for the migrants living in motels. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Danvers Democratic Committee will be held on Wednesday, September 20th.

Adjournment: As there was no other business brought forward, a motion was made by Beatrice Clark and seconded by Carol McLoughlin to adjourn the August 31, 2023 meeting of the Danvers Democratic Town Meeting at 8:25 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Julie E. Curtis, Recording Secretary