

MINUTES OF DANVERS DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, April 8, 2024

Present: Lou Bernazzani, Maria Bernazzani, Phil Bolduc, Beatrice Clark, Gerald Clark, Mary Condon, Liz Conrad, Julie Curtis, Karen Desmond, Louis George, Marilyn Hazel, Elaine Hegan, Jan Hegan, Sally Kerans, Vincent Malgeri,

Guests: Dutrochet Djoko, Candidate for Danvers Selectboard, John Gentlemen, Candidate for Essex County Register of Deeds, Michael Shannon, Candidate for Danvers School Committee and Library Trustee.

The Committee heard comments by all three candidates above before business meeting was called to order.

Call to Order: April 8th business meeting of the Danvers Democratic Committee was called to order by Chairperson Marilyn Hazel at 7:30 pm.

Approval of the Secretary Minutes: A motion was made by Beatrice Clark and seconded by Vincent Malgeri to approve the secretary minutes from the March 25, 2024 business meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Karen Desmond offered the following treasurer report: Presently the committee has \$3,170.82 in our checking account. \$296.23 was deposited and \$381.87 was paid in expenses. A motion was made by Beatrice Clark and seconded by Vincent Malgeri to accept the treasurer report as presented. Motion passed unanimous.

Old Business:

Scholarship Committee – Chairperson Julie Curtis reported that applications for the \$500.00 Danvers Democratic Committee Scholarship were due in April. Once the applications were received the applications will be reviewed by the scholarship committee and a recipient would be named. This years committee was: Lou Bernazzani, Beatrice Clark, Julie Curtis, Marilyn Hazel, Carole McLaughlin and Paul Pawlak. Curtis said she would be able to report the recipient at the April meeting.

New Business:

Committee Reorganization – Chairperson Marilyn Hazel informed us that tonight would include the committee re=organization. All offices, Chair, Vice Chair, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Affirmative Action/Outreach needed to be filled. Hazel also informed us that she was stepping down as Chair. She said that the following members had approached her and said they were interested in staying on as E-Board members. Thomas Meagher, Vice Chair, Julie Curtis, Recording Secretary, Karen Desmond as Treasurer and that Liz Conrad was interested in serving as Affirmative Action/Outreach. Hazel agreed to stay on as a Vice Chair with the recommendation that Lou Bernazzani be nominated as Committee Co-Chair. Hazel then invited any member interested in running for Executive Board to please announce it. When no one else responded any interest, a motion was made by Beatrice Clark and seconded by Vincent Malgeri to elect the following people to the Danvers Democratic Town Committee Executive Board:

Co-Chairs	Lou Bernazzani and Marilyn Hazel
Vice Chair	Thomas Meagher
Recording Secretary	Julie Curtis
Treasurer	Karen Desmond
Affirmative Action/Outreach	Liz Conrad

Motion passed unanimously.

After the vote, State Representative Sally Kerans thanked Marilyn Hazel for all she had done as chair of the committee. Everyone present agreed.

Associate Members - A motion was made by Marilyn Hazel and seconded by Sally Kerans to elect Maria Bernazzani and Phil Bolduc as associate members of the committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Hazel then turned the meeting over to Lou Bernazzani.

A long discussion was held regarding growth of the committee. It was decided to make this the focus of our April 8th meeting. Louis George and Lou Bernazzani agreed to facilitate this discussion.

State Committee Business: State Committee members Julie Curtis and Marilyn Hazel reported they had attended the April 6 Democratic State Committee meeting in Revere. Hazel reported that Peter Bakula from Peabody had been elected as an add-on member at this meeting. Curtis added that thanks to the 2024 ballot and caucus elections as well as add-ons, all cities and towns in the senate district were represented on the State Committee.

Committee project – Our committee will be participating in the Town Wide Clean-up on Saturday, April 20th from 9-12 noon. We will be cleaning up the senior center area. Anyone interested in joining in is welcome. This is a great time.

Upcoming Democratic Events of Interest:

April 26th – Peabody Democratic City Committee will be hosting an Informational meeting at the Peabody AOH

April 27th – National Convention Delegate Caucus at Veterans High School starting at 1:00 pm

May 5th – Gloucester Democratic Committee brunch

May 11th – 3 Towns and 2 Cities breakfast

Adjournment: Where there was no other business to address, a motion was made by Beatrice Clark and seconded by Elaine Hegan to adjourn the April 8, 2024 meeting of the Danvers Democratic Town Committee at 8:30 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie E. Curtis
Recording Secretary

