

MINUTES OF DANVERS DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, May 6, 2024

Present: Lou Bernazzani, Maria Bernazzani, Phil Bolduc Liz Brennan, Julie Curtis, Marilyn Hazel, Elaine Hegan, Jan Hegan, Vincent Malgeri, Tom Meagher

Guests: Dutrochet Djoko, Jillian Earp Durand, Charlotte Jordan, Brian Rockett

Secretary Minutes: There were two corrections broad forth.. Name is Liz Brennan not Conrad, and under new business, should be co-chair not vice chair. After the changes were made, a motion was made by Phil Bolduc and seconded by Vincent Malgeri to approve the secretary minutes of the April 8, 2024 with corrections made. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report:In treasurer Karen Desmond's absence, the following report was forwarded to recording secretary Julie Curtis:

As of the end of April 2024, our checking account had \$3,170.82 deposited in it.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

Danvers Democratic Town Committee clean-up day event on April 20, 2024 – day was very wet but small group was able to clean up senior center and school property.

Scholarship Committee Update – Chair Julie Curtis reported a selection had been made. Winner will be announced at Scholarship Awards Night at the high school Thursday, June 6, 2024. We will be inviting recipient to attend our cook-out later in the summer.

Results of National 6th District Delegate Caucus at Peabody Veterans High School on April 27, 2024 – The following people were elected to attend the Democratic National Convention in Chicago August, 19-22, 2024: Joe Caiazzo, Danvers, Michael Lis, North Andover, David Seaton, West Newbury, Eileen Duff, Gloucester, Rani Jacobson, Gloucester, Diann Slavik Baylis, Marblehead, and Tram Nguyen, Andover, Alternate.

Old or Unfinished Business:

After a discussion about appointing members as full members or associate members when there are vacancies for full members, and being informed associate members could not vote, a motion was made by Julie Curtis and seconded by Marilyn Hazel to vote Maria Bernazzani and Phil Bolduc in as full members of the Danvers Democratic Town Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Lou Bernazzani, Marilyn Hazel and Julie Curtis recently attended the Peabody Democratic City Committee GOTV event at the Peabody AOH and Lou and Maria Bernazzani and Julie Curtis attended yesterday's Gloucester Democratic City brunch. Lou is planning on attending other City Democratic meetings in Peabody, Beverly and Gloucester to see what they are doing to attract new members.

New Business:

Discussion on Town Election - A discussion was held regarding the Danvers Town Election tomorrow and our Committee being involved with candidates. After review of our Bylaws it was decided that as long as a candidate is a registered Democrat we could be involved with the race. Dutrochet Djoko, a candidate for select board thanked our committee for those members who have volunteered in his campaign. Julie Curtis added it was so nice to see so many of our committee involved with this positive campaign.

Promote Member Engagement/Improve Effectiveness Discussion - Chair Bernazzani presented the Danvers Democratic Town Committee member survey results and a discussion followed. We also discussed what went well with Djoko campaign. Things that people active with Djoko campaign responded with were: door knocking with Dutrochet in their neighborhoods, texting people, standouts, dear friend postcards. We also addressed working with the Coordinated Biden campaign. We also spoke about successful things that our committee has done for the community. We talked about hosting diaper and food drives in conjunction with the MLK, Jr Day of Action and participating in the Town-Wide cleanup. In the past we have held voter registrations. It was suggested we contact Matt Chilliak from Congressman Seth Moulton's office. We also need to update our committee pamphlet.

State Committee Reports: Our two State Committee members Julie Curtis and Marilyn Hazel reported the next State Committee meeting would be held in Bourne on Saturday, May 18th. They also addressed us on the Democratic State Convention in Worcester on June 1st.

Adjournment: Where there was no other business to discuss, a motion was made by Vincent Malgeri and seconded by Liz Brennan to adjourn the May 6, 2024 meeting of the Danvers Democratic Town Committee at 8:46 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie E. Curtis
Recording Secretary