

KNOX COUNTY DEMOCRATS
Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2018

Date: Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Location: Stella Maris House, Rockland, ME

KCDC Business Meeting: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Zachary Annis called meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

The agenda was approved.

Introductions.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes from the March 2017 meeting were approved.

REPORTS

Chair's Report - None

Treasurer's Report - Approved

DSC Reps' Report - Zach

DSC met day after convention. Sarah Baldwin and Matt Annis were re-elected to DSC. Carla White was elected as new DSC rep from Knox County. Richard Nelson was elected alternate. Ben Chin spoke on behalf of Homecare for All. Questions raised on how program would be funded. Committee voted to postpone vote until July meeting.

Elected Officials Reports John Spear, House Rep

- Legislation adjourned session with much unfinished business
- Vote to extend session was defeated
- Special session expected

STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES

- **Fundraising Committee** - Matt Annis
 - Committee met before general meeting.
 - Raffle tickets will be sold for overnight and dinner at Nebo Lodge in September
 - Lobster Bake organizing meeting was held Friday, May 31 at Waterworks in Rockland

- **Events Committee** - Nancy Davis
 - Gubernatorial Candidates Forum was held May 26 at Camden Hills Regional High School. Well attended. Streamed live on Facebook. Great press coverage. Video of event is posted on YouTube.
 - Volunteers needed at headquarters during Fourth of July parade in Thomaston
 - Nancy suggested selling lemonade outside of HQ during parade.
 - Headquarters Opening Party planned for, Saturday, June 30 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
 - Beer and wine available by donation
 - Events Committee to plan details
 - Wish list emailed to members of supplies needed at HQ
 - Executive Committee plans to buy chairs for HQ and have a “buy a chair” fundraiser at opening party with, offering to print donor’s name on the back of a chair.

- **Candidate Support Committee** -
 - Volunteers needed!
 - District 91 has no Democratic candidate running for House seats. KCDC has offered to support Independents Jeff Evangelos and Bill Pluecker by having their signs at HQ. Zach will research MDP stance on supporting independent candidates who are aligned with Democratic values when no Democratic candidate is running.

- **Communications Committee** - Sarah Baldwin
 - Committee met last week and since then has updated website to include:
 - New logo to more closely match MDP’s logo
 - Updated page on contacting legislators
 - Updated page on contacts on Letters to the Editor page
 - Marlies has designed signs for headquarters, which are at printer now
 - Marlies has come up with t-shirt design to sell at HQ, Lobster Bake, Fourth of July parade, etc.
 - Suggestion made to send out email to membership reminding them to vote on June 12 and voting Yes on #1 to preserve Ranked Choice Voting.

- **By-Laws Committee** - Zach Annis
 - Zach is working with Nadine Bangerter (Chair) on organizing committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- **Convention Report**
 - Vote was passed to require $\frac{2}{3}$ majority end platform discussion (previous rule required only a majority)

- New DSC Reps were elected at County Caucuses. KCDC reps are Sarah Baldwin, Matt Annis, Carla White, with Richard Nelson as alternate
- More volunteers on Platform Committee needed
- Motion made to authorize funds for Lobster Bake, Sunday, August 19. Motion passed.
- Headquarters staffing volunteers needed. Zach will create calendar and sign-up sheets.
- Kirk organizing canvassers needed to call voters to remind them to vote on June 12.
- Executive Committee is filing Conditional Use permit with Town of Thomaston to allow us to occupy space and hang sign. Zach Annis and Bill Kelly will attend the Thomaston Planning Board meeting for approval.
- Question raised again about Working Groups and whether Environmental Working Group is meeting. Concern voiced about the elimination of plastic recycling and plastics bans.

COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thank you received from Natasha Irving's campaign for KCDC's donation of \$500.
- House Party for Natasha Irving to be held at Nancy Davis's home on July 12.
- House Party coordinator need for Natasha Irving. If interested, contact Sarah Baldwin.
- Zach met with the required number of eligible young democrats of Young Dems to start chartering process of a Knox County Young Dems chapter. Zach was elected Regional Director (Chair).
- Nancy Davis is planning BBQ for Zak Ringelstein in July
- Please consider a monthly donation to KCDC. Expenses going up now that we have a HQ and we're heading into election season, Lobster Bake expenses. Click the Donate button on our website.
- There will be a party to decorate HQ on June 16 from 1-3. All welcome.
- First time visitors asked to introduce themselves and share their reason for attending.

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 10, at 6:00 p.m.** Location TBA.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Baldwin, Recording Secretary