**The Democratic Club of St. Mary’s County**

**Minutes for February 20, 2017**

**Southern Maryland Community College**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Bill Bates. The Pledge of Allegiance followed

Welcome Guest/member

Secretary’s Report – January 2017

Treasurer’s Report: $6,590.59, Reported by Joe Belanger

Old/Unfinished Business

* 501 (c) Issues: a tax-exempt for non-profit organizations. Ref to political campaign funds, lobbying, etc., there are options either the 501(c) or 501(c)4 social warfare organizations, an organization must not be organized for profit and must be operated exclusively to promote social warfare –reporting to IRS. Noted – the club has not been associated with these tax exempt and wish not to be associated. This action was tabled for further discussion and will be reviewed by Joe Belanger.
* An Audit team will implemented headed by the Secretary Joe Belanger, volunteer members are Deana Little and Juan Gonzalez.
* 2nd Vice President (VP) Election: Nominations from floor – none noted. Nomination for Devin Bohanan, second - approval, accepted by all and nomination closed effective 20 February 2017.
* Standing Committees: lots of discussions throughout the room to organized, implement, and execute, and form sub-committees - volunteers are welcome to participate, meetings will be announced at a later date by the chairpersons. Some committees will be combined or name changed to reflect the duties and responsibility accordingly. (Please see attachment)
* Together We Will Southern Maryland Chapter – hosted by Samantha Fields Feb 18, mission, vision and goals handouts provided and overview.
* Samantha suggested the club invest in Website design, motion presented to paid the designer $250.00, second - and approved.

New Business:

* Democratic Central Committee update presented by Josh Brewster, introduction of central committee members.
* Central Committee is currently recruiting for male gender to balance the committee members.

Additional please note the following are DMC annual 2016 Events:

* April 23 – Earth Day
* June 17th Juneteenth celebration
* 4 July – Golden Beach Parade
* August 5 – Beach Party Leonardtown square
* Sept 21-25 County Fair
* Sept 23 County fair parade
* Oct 7-8 Blessing of the Fleet- Parade
* Oct 21-21 Oyster Festival
* Nov 11 – Veterans Day Parade

These events are will be forthcoming and committees planning for 2017

Meeting adjourned: 9:00pm

Next meeting scheduled for March 20, 2017 at 7:00pm – Location: TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Johnson

Secretary