

**DEMOCRATIC CLUB
ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
MEETING**

November 20, 2017
Lexington Park Rescue Squad
Lexington Park, MD 20653

MINUTES

Present: Central Committee, Members, and Guest

Bill Bates, President
Devon Bohanan, Vice President
Joe Belanger, Treasurer
Darlene Johnson, Secretary

Call To Order:

The meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.
Opening – Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes – February 2017:

President, Members, and Guest received meeting minutes via email. At the beginning of meeting, President made a motion to approve minutes for October 2017 as written. Motion from the floor, and seconded.

Treasure Reports: \$4, 328.57

- Joe Belanger provided an overview on the economy comparison from 1968 to present, median income, housing, rental, job market, etc.

2018 Election for President and Treasurer (Odd year nomination):

- Joe Belanger was nominated by Heather Earhart, 2nd, accepted by Joe motion approved. Nomination for St. Mary's County Democratic club Treasure closed.
- Bill Bates was nominated by Heather Earhart for President, 2nd, accept by Bill motion approved. Nomination for St. Mary's County Democratic club President closed. All nomination was unanimously all in favor to continue in elected positions. All nomination officially closed.

Committee Reports:

- Central Committee report: Howard Thompson,
- DCC will host a holiday party, December 2, Paul Hall Center, (Harry Lundeberg) Piney Point, MD, 4:00pm – 6:00pm, cash bar and refreshments.
- DCC will be soliciting gender bias candidate for the club, as there will be some vacancies forth coming.
- Laura Hart has filed for position with the Democratic Central Committee.

- **Communication:** Not available
- **Events:** Heather Earhart
 - The three events conducted this year the Oyster Festival, Veterans Day Parade Moreover, County Fair all was successful events. Many thanks to all those who assisted. In addition, 19 more people signed up for membership or to receive monthly newsletter.
 - December meeting will consist of a short meeting followed by celebration of the holidays, Potluck festivity.
- **Campaign: Lara Hart unavailable – presented by Diana**
 - Committee reported on the following:
 - Conducted first round of precinct captain training, with eight precincts covered. That includes one of one highest priority precincts and four of 11 priority precincts. Laura is still waiting to hear back from four attendees at the training so the committee may have up to three more precincts covered. What makes one priority are based on two factors; (1) the number of democrats in the precinct, and (2) the difference between a very low 2014 turnout and the higher 2016 turnout. If the club can move the needle closer to 2016 levels in 2018, we will be well ahead of the game.
 - On a Delegate district basis, we have: 29A: 13 Precincts, 0 of 2 priority, 1 of 11 remaining precincts covered, 29B: 13 Precincts, 1 of 1 high priority, 2 of 8 priority, 1 of 4 remaining precincts covered and 29C: 10 Precincts, 2 of 2 priority, 1 of 8 remaining precincts covered.
 - For the next training session, anticipate January. If the efforts to invigorate our north county democrats, it will probably be up north. Even if this area is more Republican, getting an active Democratic presence can still be helpful to state wide candidates and our countywide candidates for Commissioner and Sheriff.
 - For voter registration, the committee held the first voter registration drive on November 4 at the Lexington Park Library. Anticipate more planning schedule on a monthly basis. One suggestion is to schedule drives to coincide with library activities likely to drive up traffic of potential voters.
 - The meeting on November 4, Lexington Park library was a good turnout. Nine Precincts covered five of 11 priority precincts and in 29A; we now have 1 of 2 priority precincts
- **Old and Unfinished Business:** Democratic of the year banquet reschedule for next year, Spring timeframe and a possible Meet the Candidates for March 2018.
- **New Business:**
 - Monthly Voter Registration will coincide with Library events and partnership with St. Mary's County NAACP.
 - Julia Nichols and Brian Crosby have started a Listening Tour, discussion on the economy, diversity, mental health, transportation and much more.
 - Commissioners and Delegate meeting schedule for December 5, 6:00pm Commissioner Rm, on Legislation 2018 session.

- Superintendent Advisory Board December 7, 2017, issue with student, youth summit, peer pressure, suicide awareness, and overall student body concerns, Board member Mike Collinfaster(Spell?) – student from Great Mills High will be in attendance.
- Suggestion from the audience ref to Unity Breakfast more info in 2018.
- Calendar of Events will be identified for 2018
- 2018 deadline for filing for candidates elected officials is February 2018
- Karen Fennel reported on Education program for the State and finances
- Julian, Howard, and Ann Marie briefly spoke on their upcoming agenda for 2018.
- Next meeting December 18, 2017 at 7:00pm, limited business discussion and holiday - potluck celebration.

Closing Remarks.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15

SUBMITTED:

ACCEPTED BY:

Darlene Johnson
Secretary

Bill Bates, President