

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

January 15, 2018
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 7:05 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 December 2017 as written. Motion from the floor, and seconded.

Treasure Reports: \$4, 174.57

With outstanding or reimbursement funds from Oyster festival, county fair rental, balloons, 50/50 raffle, Balance \$3,687.69

Committee Reports:

Communication: Samantha Field

- FYI – the Legislative session for MD, St. Mary's delegation is currently going on, will keep track and provide additional information

Events: Heather Earhart

- March 3 – March Madness, St. Mary's College, chili cook-off, and meet the candidates
- April 22 – Earth Day – need volunteers
- April 28 – Christmas in April – well prepare meals for volunteers
- June 16 – Juneteenth celebration
- July –
- Aug – Beach party – Leonardtown square
- Sep 20-23 County Fair
- Dem banquet – TBD

- Oct – Blessing of the Fleet
- River concert series more info to follow, all dates of events is on the website.
- **Campaign: Lara Hart**
 - Committee reported on the following:
 - January 2, Lexington Park library - meeting with group of Precinct Captain training and will partnership with NAACP voter registration drive.

Motion move to accept committee reports and time for tribute to Martin Luther King Day presented by Janice Walthour

- Bio of Janice Walthour read by President, Bill Bates, Tribute present by Ms. Walthour “Free at Last”

Other Reports:

- Rep from NAACP – Roderick Lewis (Political Action Committee)
 - Voter’s registration, there are various precinct with a high number of non-registered voters; Lexington Park has over 700, this will be a priority. Will provide a voter’s information guide with candidate’s issues, what is important to voters, date, time of voting, basically to educate the voters regardless of age and demographic locations. Working on canvas workshop, best methods, and process.
 - There will be training and debriefing – Jan 29, 6:30pm, Lexington Park Library. Jan 25, 6:30, Higher Ed Center- Voter’s registration
- Julia Nichols reported on Democratic meeting held at the northern part of the county – meet the people, will schedule a few more.
- Thomas Brewer announced he will run for State Senate against Senator Steve Waugh
- 2018 deadline for filing for candidates elected officials is February 2018
- Feb 9 College and Career Fair, Forrest Tech Center
- Jan 20 Women March in Washington DC

Closing Remarks.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15

SUBMITTED:

ACCEPTED BY:

Darlene Johnson
Secretary

Bill Bates, President