

Meeting Minutes: NORTHERN GRAFTON COUNTY DEMOCRATS STEERING COMMITTEE

August 2, 2017

The meeting was held at Woodsville Savings Bank, Franconia at 3:00 pm. Present were: Deb Bassett, Doug Evelyn, Sue Ford, Linda Lauer, Carl and Nancy Martland, Susan Moore, Don Perlee, Betsey and Chuck Phillips, Katherine Terrie, and John Vail.

1. Financial Report.

Carl Martland provided the Treasurer's report, with the following highlights:

- Current financial statement reflects expenditures in 2017 of \$1,647 and income of \$678. Expenditures exceed income in 2017 by \$969 to date. The checking account balance is \$3,098. This is the strongest position the organization has had at this point in the past four 2-year cycles.
- A fundraising letter will be sent to NGCD mailing list requesting 2017 contributions NGCD for the "Bedrock Democrats" fundraising campaign.

Susan Moore, NGCD Chair, explained that since NGCD Treasurer, Carl Martland, is currently the only signatory on the NGCD checking account, an additional signatory is needed because Mr. Martland is frequently out of the area.

Ms. Moore requested a motion supporting the need for an additional signatory.

Sue Ford made the following motion: *Susan Moore, as Chair of the Northern Grafton County Democrats, will be added as an additional signatory on the NGCD checking account at Woodsville Guaranty Bank.*

The motion was seconded by Katharine Terrie, and passed unanimously.

2. JFK Barbeque Plans and Tasks

Betsey Phillips led the detailed discussion of preparation for the JFK Barbeque scheduled for August 27. Topics included logistics and assignments, rental costs (tent, tables & chairs) invitations to VIPs, fees and fundraising suggestions, publicity, etc. – together with some discussion of previous experience. The updated list of tasks has been circulated and is attached.

3. Updating Bylaws

Susan Moore explained that our bylaws are out of date and need some revision. She will make suggestions for the committee to consider.

4. NGCD Website (www.northerngraftondemocrats.org)

Susan Moore and Deb Bassett led discussion of the new website and urged that those officers who had not provided bios to Deb to do so. Discussion included range of website content, how to publicize its availability, and updating. It's a work in progress, and suggestions should be forwarded to Deb Bassett. Please visit the website at www.northerngraftondemocrats.org.

5. Meeting with Erin C. on "Renaissance Summer"

Sue Ford reported on efforts to launch activities to carry out a successful 2018 campaign in the state. There was discussion of calling past voters to thank them for participating in 2016, and encouraging Democrats and left-leaning Undeclareds to participate in campaign start-up activities this Fall. Susan Moore and Sue Ford mentioned that there are some 3000 registered democrats in NGCD towns. We need to develop a plan to contact and engage them. This topic will be developed for further discussion.

6. Next Meetings

Susan Moore asked committee members regarding their availability for dates in September and October. Proposed meeting dates for the next general NGCD meeting are Sundays, October 1st or September 24th

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:45.

Respectfully submitted by Douglas Evelyn, Secretary.