

EAST FISHKILL REPUBLICAN CLUB
MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 27, 2010

A meeting of the East Fishkill Republican Club was held at 7:30 p.m. at the East Fishkill Library.

Attendees: Helmy El-Sherif, Tom Franco, Barbara Zawadzinsky, Nick D'Alessandro, Bob Pascocello, Russ Liebler, Nick Fazi, Emanuele Marinaro, James Berlinski, Maureen Ehrhart, Marj Way, Ann and Carl Barbera.

Helmy began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Russ Liebler made a motion to dispense with reading of the previous meeting minutes. Maureen Ehrhart seconded the motion.

Barbara Zawadzinsky read the Treasurer's report. Russ Liebler moved to accept them and Nick D'Alessandro seconded the motion.

New Business: Nan Hayworth will be the guest speaker at the February 17th Committee meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. at the East Fishkill Library. Club members are invited to attend. Nan is a doctor who is running for Congress against John Hall. She has Sue Kelly's backing. More information about Nan can be found at:
<http://www.nanhayworth.com>

Rick Lazio will be the guest speaker at the Town of Poughkeepsie Lincoln Day Dinner on February 21, 2010 at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel. Tables for 10 can be reserved at \$60 per person.

Comedy Night will be held on March 20th at the Knights of Columbus on Route 82 in Fishkill. It is designed to be an evening of clean family entertainment, so invite your family and friends to attend. Cost is \$20 per adult and \$5 for children under 12. A flyer with more details and a reservation form is available at
<http://www.efrepublicans.com/events.html> This is our first fundraiser of the year. Sponsors, raffle items, gift baskets and donations of hors d'oeuvres, finger foods and desserts are needed to make this event a big success. Attached is a sign-up sheet.

Fundraising is always important, but more so this year because it's an election year. The Fundraising Committee will meet at Helmy's house on February 11th at 7:30 to finalize plans for the event.

Russ thanked everyone for their hard work on fundraising.

Plans are underway to have a wine tasting fundraiser in May. Bob Pascocello is chairing this event and Arbor Ridge is willing to sponsor it. A discussion followed regarding sponsorships, wine companies, and a silent auction.

A Lobster Bake will be held at Whortlekill Rod and Gun Club on August 7th.

Barbara Zawadzinsky and Marj Way are planning the third annual East Fishkill Recognition Dinner. Anyone interested in helping out with this event should contact Barbara at bzawad@frontiernet.net Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Helmy discussed the need to revise the Club by-laws and the possibility of forming a committee to do so.

Tom Franco has been working with the webmaster to redesign our website. Take a look at the new and improved version at www.efrepublicans.com

Anyone interested in becoming Club Secretary should contact Helmy at elsherifh@aol.com Special thanks to Nick D'Alessandro who took the meeting minutes at the January meeting.

It's time to pay the Club dues for 2010. Family dues are \$8.00 and individual dues are \$5.00. Checks should be made out to the East Fishkill Republican Club and mailed to P.O. Box 524, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533 OR save a stamp and bring your check to the next meeting on February 24th. Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the East Fishkill Library. Three new members were welcomed at the January meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Helmy made the motion and Tom Franco seconded it.