

EAST FISHKILL REPUBLICAN CLUB
MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 29, 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, Nick D'Alessandro, Bob Pascoello, Russ Liebler, Maureen Ehrhart, Marj Way, Marge Horton, John Hutsko, Steve Treacy, Emanuele Marinaro, Roy Lewis and Marie Acampora.

Helmy El-Sherif began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Marie Acampora read the minutes of the August 25th meeting. Russ Liebler made a motion to accept them and Nick D'Alessandro seconded the motion.

The Treasurer's report was not available, but Helmy said he had spoken with Barbara Zawadzinsky and she assured him it's in good shape.

Old Business: Marj Way reported on the 3rd annual Recognition Dinner to be held on Wednesday, October 6th at Arbor Ridge. One hundred twenty-two attendees are expected. Barbara Zawadzinsky, Nick D'Alessandro, Marge Horton, Mary Ann Menuau, Betsy Brown and Helmy El-Sherif provided help with this event.

Bob Pascoello spoke about the new voting machines that were used for the primary elections. East Fishkill did not experience any problems; however some areas had issues such as the privacy folders getting caught in the machine. The turnout was not huge. There were some privacy issues with regard to the workers asking voters about their party affiliation. It is unlikely that the new system is more cost effective than the old one due to the amount of people needed at each location, the cost of transporting the machines, the cost of ballots, the possibility of fraud, etc.

There are training sessions open for those who want to work at the general election. Anyone interested should contact Bob Pascoello at 226-8604 or rpasocell@aol.com

John Hutsko and Russ Liebler reported that Community Day went well. Unfortunately, the clown was sick and could not attend. Several politicians stopped by.

Helmy thanked Nick D'Alessandro, Maureen Ehrhart, John Hutsko, Tom Franco and Marj Way for all their help with the successful Lobster Bake held on August 7th.

New Business:

Russ Liebler said Republicans have a good chance of winning seats this election.

Manny Marinaro said Carl Paladino, candidate for Governor, has received the endorsement of the Conservative Party. Manny said people need to get involved

physically; energy is needed to get Paladino elected. He spoke about the “Victory Center” located at 112 Delafield Street (near Cosimo’s) in Poughkeepsie. It is currently open from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. from Monday through Friday. There are 40 computerized, easy to operate phone banks and volunteers are needed to man the center. Anyone who can volunteer for any amount of time is asked to call Bill Murnane at 845-764-5400. Every town has been asked to cover a night so East Fishkill will be manning the center on October 7th. Russ has some volunteers, but many more are needed. Contact Russ at 227-8369 or rus31948@optonline.net

It is important to encourage people to vote. If necessary, a ride to the polling place should be offered to them.

Marge Horton announced that Marc Molinaro will be having his annual Pasta Night on Friday, October 29th in Tivoli. The cost is \$10.

Anyone interested in attending the county Republican Party fundraiser to be held at the Grandview on October 26th should contact Russ.

Fred “Rick” Romig, candidate for Town Justice spoke about his campaign and stated everything is going well. He has been going door-to-door and meeting many people in the community. He has campaign signs available and asked that people e-mail him at rickr@romiglaw.com to volunteer to have him place a sign on their lawns. He distributed magnetic bumper stickers to the attendees.

Helmy asked Russ about having the election of Club officers at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Marj Way to adjourn the meeting at 8:35. It was seconded by Bob Pascocello.

The next meeting will be held on October 27th.