

EAST FISHKILL REPUBLICAN CLUB

Meeting Minutes

Meeting: March 30, 2011

Time: 7:30pm

Attendees: Marie Acampora, Bob Pascoello, Theresa Hoffman, John Paraskeva, Helmy El-Sharif, Marj Way, Bob and Marge Horton, Rachel Flanagan, Tom Franco, Maureen Ehrhart, John Hutsko, Nick D'Alessandro, Al Hirschhorn, Roy Lewis, Barbara Zawadzinsky, Sam Patton

Rachel Flanagan, new secretary, read the minutes from the last meeting dated February 23, 2011

Marge Horton Motioned to accept the reading of the minutes from last week, it was seconded by many members.

Barbara Zawadzinsky read the Treasurer's report. Marge Way made a Motion to accept the report and Helmy El-Sharif seconded the motion.

Helmy El-SHARIF asked if there was any other business relating to the treasurer's report. No new business.

Helmy then read correspondences' from old members of the East Fishkill Republican Club:

- A letter from Tom Dietz, who was forced to resign from the club because of his new position in the county attorney's office. Helmy El-Sharif replied to the letter with congratulations on his new position on behalf of all of the members of the Club.
- A letter from Judge Romig, who also was forced to resign from the club because of his recent election as East Fishkill Town Justice, but his wife Linda Romig will continue to remain a member of the Club.

Old business:

- Past/Comedy night this Saturday, April 2
 - o Nick D'Alessandro gave update relating to the pasta/comedy night as follows:
 - There are currently 58 reservations,
 - Discussed food for the night and costs;
 - Asked if anyone would like to volunteer to help clean up after the event; and

- Seating begins at 6:30pm, the show begins at 7:30pm show and helpers have to be there earlier then seating time.
 - Helmy El-Sharif mentioned the baskets for the raffle and the 50/50 fundraisers
 - Barbara Zawadzinsky read the list of who was bringing dessert
 - Nick D'Alessandro and Marge Horton put together a nice place mat with business card advertisements, \$100 per box of advertising for purposes of fundraising
 - Discussion ensued regarding whether placemat would be a good idea as a fundraiser for the lobster bake. Marge Horton didn't think it was a good idea because the club uses advertising signs as a fundraiser for the lobster bake. The club members agreed.
- Bob Pascoello mentioned the West Point football game that was discussed as a possible social event/fundraiser at the meeting dated February 23, 2011 and that he did some investigating as to costs relating thereto. Tickets without a discount are \$30.00 a person and tickets to the West Point Club are \$22.00 per person. Once adding the cost of a bus, it would probably cost approximately \$75.00 per person. Possible dates for the event are as follows: October 1, 2011 (Tulane playing) and October 17, 2011 (Northwestern playing)

New business:

- Nick D'Alessandro got approval from East Fishkill Republican committee to run against John Couch's office; top 2 vote getters will get the seat; Peter Cassidy running as well. Nick discussed possibility of running on independent line.
 - Support Nick!
- Russ Liebler from the East Fishkill Republican Committee sent a note to the East Fishkill Republican Club requesting the Club to authorize a \$300.00 Chairman's fund for the purpose of the Republican Committee chairman to attend political functions.
 - Theresa Hoffman made a motion to accept, and Sam Patton seconded motion
- Helmy El-Sharif then discussed the attorneys who are running for Family Court Judge in Dutchess County and that the interested parties have been invited to address the Committee regarding their possible nominations.

- Helmy El-Sharif created a set of criteria in order to evaluate the nominees and he suggested that each of the members come up with criteria as well
- A list of Helmy El'Sharif's criteria is as follows: :
 - Compassion and common sense
 - Good listener
 - Experience in dealing with family matters
 - Education and training
 - Respected by other lawyers
- The attorneys that are running for the position as Family Court Judge are as follows: Denise Watson, Tom O'neil, Carl Chu, Joe Egitto, and Mike Kranis.
- Next discussion: that Theresa Hoffman is a good contact for Nan Hayworth; 1st time we have a congressional district (main) office in Dutchess County which is located in Fishkill at 2 Summit Court, Suite 103, Fishkill, NY 12524 and the contact phone number is 845-246-4600.
 - Theresa Hoffman is currently the only full time employee at the congressional district office. Her position is titled "constituent representative".
 - The official congressional website is: www.Hayworth.house.gov

Nick D'Alessandro mad a Motion to adjourn which was seconded by other members.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: April 27, 2011 at 7:30pm.