

EAST FISHKILL REPUBLICAN CLUB
MEETING MINUTES MAY 26, 2011

A meeting of the East Fishkill Republican Club was held at the East Fishkill library at 7:30 p.m. on May 26, 2011.

Attendees: Marge Horton, Tom Franco, Al Hirschhorn, Roy Lewis, Barbara Zawadzinsky, Bob Pascoello, Marj Way, John Parskeva, Maureen Ehrhart and Marie Acampora.

Tom Franco led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob Pascoello made a motion to dispense with the reading of the previous month's minutes. The motion was seconded by Marge Horton. Barbara Zawadzinsky gave the Treasurer's report. Marie Acampora made a motion to accept it and Bob Pascoello seconded the motion.

Old Business: There was a discussion regarding Comedy Night and the fact that it was advertised as a family event. The food was delicious and the variety was great; however, some of the comedians' routines were not family friendly. Club members and the fundraising committee will consider other entertainment for future events. Ideas included having a jazz or string group at Pasta Night or hiring comedians who can provide more suitable entertainment.

The Lobster Bake is scheduled for Saturday, August 6th at Whortlekill. Sponsorship letters will be going out soon. Cost is \$40 per person for lobster and \$25 per person for chicken. The cost for children ages 6 to 12 is \$5. Tom Franco is handling inventory and sponsorship letters. Maureen Ehrhart will be in charge of food.

Recognition Dinner will be held at Arbor Ridge on Wednesday, October 5th. Cost is approximately \$50 per person.

Bob Pascoello spoke about the Town Guide. His team, consisting of Mary Ann Menuau, Marj Way, John Hutsko, Helmy El-Sherif and Tom Franco, are preparing to send a letter to donors asking them to take out an ad. A copy the current guide will be sent to them as well. The group plans to solicit new donors and is looking into the possibility of adding new features to the guide, such as important dates, hotel numbers, etc. They are also looking into a method to distribute the guide to people moving into the area.

NEW BUSINESS: Barbara Zawadzinsky suggested that our newsletter be posted on Facebook. Tom Franco will handle this.

Marge Horton said the Conservative Party had a good turnout from East Fishkill in May. They met and interviewed some county people. Marge did not know when they will be interviewing legislators. Nick D'Alessandro was interviewed by the Independent Party and is waiting to be interviewed by the Conservatives. Marge also spoke about the Resource Recovery Agency (the burn plant) and some ideas that were presented at a

meeting she attended. Marge said East Fishkill is second in population growth. Marge spoke about the redistricting issue and is adamant that the process be open and fair.

Bob Pascoello spoke about a meeting that he attended with Marc Molinaro. Unfortunately, the meeting was poorly attended. Marc spoke about the budget and the 2% property cap. He also spoke about decreasing mandates put on localities. It is evident that young people and seniors are leaving NYS because they cannot afford the high property taxes.

Barbara Zawadzinsky showed attendees plaques we received from the Marlins and the Reds – two baseball teams The East Fishkill Republican Club sponsored.

Volunteers are needed to drive town candidates so they can go door-to-door to introduce themselves. Please contact Tom Franco at tntfranco@optonline.net for more information.

A caucus will be held on Wednesday, June 15th at the Fire Training Center on Route 52. Sign in is at 5:00 p.m. and the meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. Anyone interested in working at the caucus should contact Marj Way eastfishkillway@frontiernet.net

The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m. Al Hirschhorn made the motion to adjourn and Marj Way seconded it.