

## **DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Town of Canaan  
Thursday, March 2, 6:30 PM**

- **Call to Order** 6:34pm

**Roll Call** - Dan Carr, Lonnie Carter, Richard Heinz, Marc Rosen, Laurie Wadsworth, David Barger, John Atchley, Douglas Cohn, Mary Lanier, Richard Lanier, Dale McDonald, Vance Cannon.

**Non-members present** - Adam Sher, Colter Rule

- **Review and receive minutes** - Richard Lanier moved to receive and approve the minutes as submitted, the motion was seconded by Lonnie Carter. The motion was carried Unanimously.

- **Review and receive treasurer's report** - Current balance \$3,109.47, donations received \$2,800, spent on voting mailing \$297.79.

Vance Cannon makes a motion to receive and approve the Treasurer's report, the motion was seconded by Lonnie Carter. The motion was carried Unanimously

- **Membership Nomination Discussion**

**1. Set rules for nomination and informing town Democrats of vacancies (See Model Rules for Local Town Committees) 2. Vote for acceptable variations, if proposed**

Richard Heinz asks if we need to go before a caucus to replace resigning members. Vance believes we don't have to, but instead could be nominated by the committee. A quick reading of the rules from the state confirms this. Doug Cohn, Dale McDonald, Lonnie Carter, and Richard Lanier have volunteered to be on an ad hoc nominating committee. The Ad Hoc Committee will nominate at least three candidates, to be voted in approximately one month from Mar 2, 2023. If anybody would like to nominate a candidate they will recommend them to the nominating committee, to be presented for a vote of the whole committee. Any nominee should be asked if they

would like to join the committee, before bringing them to the entire DTC committee. Candidates can be nominated from the floor on the night of the next meeting. Candidates do not have to be present to be voted on, but do have to be registered Democrat in the town of Canaan. We need a majority of the quorum of the DTC to successfully elect a candidate. Richard Heinz moves to accept the rules as stated, Lonnie Carter seconds the motion. The motion is unanimously passed.

- **Report of ad hoc Fundraising subcommittee (Felicia, Dale, John A) and**

**Midterm comments/observations** Sent out a mailing in the November election, but we were too late in sending, many people received it after the election.

- **Report of bylaws subcommittee (John S, Noelle, Felicia, Thom W., & Dale)**

Has not been able to meet yet. John Steines has gotten the bylaws from other towns. They will meet again before our next meeting.

- **Thom Wilson on development of FV DTC webpage and expenses**

Thom not present due to Fire Department call to an accident, tabled for the next meeting.

- **Report of Representative of Democratic Coalition of Northwest Corner (DCNC) (Jandi) see email**

I'm sorry, but I've been called onto a Region One Search Committee, the first meeting of which conflicts with the DTC meeting. So I won't be able to join you this Thursday, 3/2/23.

As for my report re the Regional DTC: I have been in touch with Albert Ginouves, who will contact me for the first meeting of the year, which he expects to be this spring.

That's it, essentially nothing to report.

Best,

Jandi

- **Schedule next meeting (Monday April 3rd 7pm tentatively at Town Hall)**

Vance asked if the next meeting should be virtual. Dick Heinze thought that because we are voting on new candidates it should be in person. Dale McDonald is going to research viable ways to do hybrid meetings with zoom and in person. The next meeting will be in person. Town hall is in the process of installing a hybrid meeting system, and Doug Cohn will look into how good it is, and if the DTC can have access to it

- **Any further business deemed necessary**

Lonnie Carter moved to adjourn, and Dave Barger seconded, the motion was moved unanimously at 7:25pm.