Rhinebeck Democrats Club
Steering Committee Meeting
Wednesday July 12, 2023

Meeting called to order at 5:42

Attendees
Jon Rossi, Shirley Stone, Sandy Zito, Susan Ragusa, Mel Donaldson

Treasurer's Report

Expenditures:
  $155.57 website account payment (GoDaddy)
  $ 77.72. email account payment
Balance:
  $451.82   (BEFORE $155.57 debit transactions)

At this point, no further additional expenses are anticipated in the coming months.

Committee Report

Speaker Series
Shirley reported that the library meeting space has been reserved by the Club for 9/12 and 10/12 for Speaker Series events.

On 9/12 we hope to sponsor a meet-the-candidates event featuring the Democratic candidate(s) for the upcoming county elections: Anthony Parisi (for District Attorney), Kenya Gadsden (County Clerk), James Rogers (Family Court Judge). Tommy Zurhellen (County Executive) met with the club back in March but will be invited to join us on 9/12.

The 10/12 date will be left open if it is needed as an alternate date for the invited speakers.

For a future speaker's topic, a suggestion has been made to the Club to have the issue of diminishing women's rights (i.e. abortion access) addressed. This will be considered by the committee in a future meeting.

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Future Club dates:
    11/12
    12/10
    1/TBD   Annual Club meeting

New Business

Membership
The need for increased membership was brought up for discussion as well as ways that this could be achieved. The idea of bringing in younger members was also recognized.

One idea was to have a (free) ice cream social open to all Rhinebeck Democrats with the intent of signing on new members. While the possible date of August 19 or 20 was agreed upon, further details will need to be decided.

Those people on the Club's mailing list will be informed of this event via email.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Mel Donaldson
Recording Secretary