

**Carlisle Democratic Town Committee, Dan Cook Recording
Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2018, Gleason Public Library, Carlisle**

Attendees: Bob Wallhagen, Nancy Kronenberg, Ken Deitch, Maureen Deery, Bonnie Miskolczy, Launa Zimmaro, Kate Reid, Tom Dunkers (visitor), Francis Tacardon, Dan Cook, Scot Cole (visitor), Christopher Jenkins (GLAD Chair, guest), Emily Odgers (Tami Gouveia's Campaign/Mass ems and GOTV), Rick Oches (late)

Meeting Called to Order

Nancy Kronenberg called the meeting to order at 7:06PM.

Minutes: From September 20th meeting minutes unanimously Approved

No Treasurers Report

Previous Business

Discussion on how to get Democrats elected

- 1.) Ann had suggested letter to the Mosquito or paid ad in the last meeting
- 2.) Ken Deitch volunteered to draft a letter to be placed in the Mosquito as an ad with signatures from Carlisle residents. Ken will contact Bob Luoma and Bob Wallhagen to obtain past copies of ads placed in the Mosquito to help assist in drafting the ad.
- 3.) The draft ad will be complete by October 22 so signatures of Carlisle residents can be collected to enable submission of the ad to the Mosquito by October 29th for release in the November 1st edition of the Mosquito before the election

Position on Ballot Questions

Question 1 – Committee split on question 1

There was a discussion about question 1 – Maureen Deery said the nurses take the brunt of care in Hospitals and the administrators do not want question 1 to pass because of the added expense. We should support question 1 because it will probably not pass – if it fails it will have to be re-written. Scott Cole spoke about his wife, who is a nurse, and the thought was that nurses' salaries would go down if question 1 passed and there would be less over time. Maureen pointed out that at NE Baptist where there are a lot of patients with serious surgeries who may not get qualified care because there are too many patients in critical condition for nurses to adequately care for. The committee could not come to a consensus on question 1

Question 2 - Committee was unanimously in support a Yes vote on question 2

Question 3 - Committee was unanimously in support a Yes vote on question 3

Letter to the Editor about Committee Positions on Ballot Questions

- Nancy will write a letter to the editor in the Mosquito will be drafted by Launa Zimmaro and Kate Reid. Nancy will tune up the draft and submit.

Guest Speaker: Emily Odgers (Tami Gouveia's campaign manager) discussed GOTV (get out the vote)

1. There will be a LWV forum at the Acton Town Hall from 7:00 - 7:30 PM.
2. GOTV – Tami Gouveia’s campaign headquarters is being used for a coordinated democratic campaign.
3. If people are not nudged often, they don’t show up to vote – we lose if people don’t show up to vote
4. Door knocking and conversations with people are the best way to reach people to get them to vote
5. Other ways to help include
 - Calls
 - Texts
6. Giving people rides to the polls
7. Canvassers
8. Lead canvasser teams
9. GOTV is looking to fill 100 jobs and need to sign up people for the general election on Nov 6th
10. Emily passed out sign up forms for people to sign up for what you are willing to do in helping with getting out the vote

Saturday GOTV will be sending out people to canvass in Concord Carlisle Marlboro and other towns that need the most help from 12 – 5 PM – Meet at Tami Gouveia’s HQ - 130 Main Street Acton, MA

Sunday GOTV will have a mixture of phone banking and sending out people to canvass in Concord Carlisle Marlboro and other towns that need the most help from 12 – 5 PM – Meet at Tami Gouveia’s HQ

Weekdays – People can canvass between 4 – 5 PM or any other time that makes sense. Contact Emily Odgers at: emily@tamigouveia.com.

GOTV’s goals in getting people to Vote

- 1.) Identify people who will be voting Democratic
- 2.) Make sure they know Nov 6th is voting day
- 3.) Define when they will vote – voting early is best

Committee members discussed their experience in canvassing the most effective way to get people to vote. Volunteering for this process is easier as it is a shorter talk and you know they will vote for Democrats

Nancy is working on handouts to simply state options. She plans to have versions for each town – WE THE PEOPLE VOTE

- 1.) How to vote early and times for each day for Carlisle, Acton, Concord
- 2.) How to use an absentee ballot
- 3.) Election Day

Emily pointed out that it is important to target people who don’t generally vote in the mi term elections and to get them to become accustom to always voting

Yard Signs

There was a discussion about yard signs. It was felt that the Republicans were more visible with their yard signs than Dems. If you live in a place where the signs will be seen get a sign from Tami’s HQ.

Campaigns generally feel that signs aren't very effective. Lori Trahan's Sign maker may have been impacted by Gas explosion

Knocking on doors is what counts.

What Works in getting out the Vote

- 1.) Social Pressure – everyone else cares – why not you – Be a Voter

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS & BE A VOTER

Early Voting Starts October 22nd

Governor's race is Important discussion

If Elizabeth Warren runs and wins in 2020 who appoints the Senator to replace her? Gonzalez or Baker? This could have a big impact on the Senate. Baker is lacking leadership especially on critical issues like climate change

Tami Gouveia's HQ

130 Main Street
Acton, MA

Office Hours:

Weekdays: 10-8
Weekends 10 - 6

Voter Suppression – Luana Zimmaro

Georgia

Abrams is running for Governor against the current GA Secretary of State – Kemp. Kemp is the proverbial Fox guarding the chicken coup and is holding back registered voters (+53,000) most of whom are disproportionately Black, Latino and Asian (probable democratic voters). Kemp has also removed many voters from the voting rolls.

North Dakota

Heidi Heidenkamp is running a very tight race and is critical to democrats if we want to take control of the Senate. The large Republican legislative majority is making it difficult for Native American's to be eligible to vote. They are requiring that all voters have a street address on their ID. Many Native Americans have a PO Box listed.

4 Directions is an organization that is helping Native Americans in North Dakota overcome this obstacle

Voter suppression is also occurring in **Indiana, Texas** and other States

MOTION: Motion Passed Unanimously

\$200 will be sent to 4 Directions to support Native American voting rights campaign

IPCC Report - We have 10 – 12 Years to Take Action or We are Toast

– Luana Zimmario

The most recent IPCC Report is a tremendous call to action – IPCC scientist are sounding the alarm – we have 10 to 12 years to reverse world Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG)

There is a big difference between Baker and Gonzalez regarding Climate Change – Baker is not demonstrating the urgency on Climate Change

Discussion about interview by Judy Woodruff with Al Gore where Woodruff brought up debate between scientists about Climate Change. This can no longer be a debate when 99% of Climate Scientists agree we are approaching a disaster.

Send letter to PBS about their integrity when they make Climate Change a debate the science is clear do not create any more confusion! Sen copy of the letter to companies funding PBS.

Francis Tacardon will update Facebook Page & Website Link

NEXT MEETING

Monday November 19th

December Party

Democratic Annual Meeting October 28th at 10 AM

Chris Jenkins (GLAD Chair) - Invited everyone to the Democratic Annual Meeting October 28th at 10 AM (\$40)

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Meeting Adjourned 8:58 PM