

Oxford Hills Dems May 20, Norway office

Meeting called to order 6:04 pm. Attendance: Donna McCarraher (chair), Mark James, Misty Yates, Pat Shearman, Clinton Jones, Dixie Waisanen, Helene Ragovin James, Janet Jamison, Azalea Cormier (via Zoom), Skipp Green

Donna requested update on Comms committee. Azalea reported there was a big meeting April 19 and she would like to have another one soon.

Mark requested anyone interested in learning MailChimp should contact Bruce. Mark would be doing trainings. (A training was subsequently held on June 7). We have only have five licenses available. Could transfer ownership if needed.

Azalea suggested it would be good to have one person in each area who could do Mailchimp.

Discussion about sharing log-ins and security, and Mailchimp terms of use.

Discussion of May 31 county meeting, which few people knew about and was not in the calendar. Mark said anybody who schedules an event needs to contact Karen Cummings at swoxdems address to get it on the calendar. For Meet the Candidates events, info should also go to Mark for the website. Dan had said at previous Comms meeting he wants to create a form submit through Google, website, Mail Chimp, other publicity. Dan wants to put together master list of instructions for how to do any task

Pat emphasized best way for communications, come to these Norway meetings once a month. Encouraging everyone to keep coming to this meeting. Mark added if anyone knows candidates, candidates or their reps should be coming to our meetings. Pat: also good for us to go to MPA meetings, some candidates are there.

Mark said Beth Bosworth, District 18 Senate candidate, is using Sign Up Genius to schedule people for driving and other volunteer tasks.

There is upcoming campaign launch for Beth at Harrison Food Bank—also food drive.

Update on wifi—the FareShare Workspace connection seems to be working well.

Discussion of some problems with accessing door/keypad to building.

Mark said there will be a website for county-level candidates that will include links, QR to promote fundraising. Everybody should donate since they are not getting clean elections.

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Treasurer's report from Judy, delivered by Skipp

\$10, 440.33 checking balance

Past month have spent \$3,647 on signs and advertising

Pat and Janet made pitches for money for county candidates. Can make motion at county meeting.

Motion: Donna move, Pat, second: we want to support our county candidates after the primary in some form. We want to make sure to take this up at a future county meeting. Passed unanimously

Donna said she had list of members of events committee and minutes from last meeting. We are already committed to the Waterford and Oxford fairs. Will try to get tickets to everybody. Water July 17-19; Oxford, Sept 16-19.

No word on Norway Arts Festival. Andover Old Home Days July 31-Aug 1. Buckfield-Labor Day parade. Otisfield-still have fourth of July parade 10 am. Waterford Fourth of July parade

Donna has designed some buttons that can be distributed to independent/unenrolled voters at fairs and events.

Discussion of putting links on website to all the Dem candidates for primary. Asking candidates to make videos for the website, about 1 minute, Misty emphasized to make sure we have current information for all candidates.

Helene suggested putting info on website for absentee/early voting—how to do it. Informing people that it has started. Clint will write something up.

Eating of pecan-crust ed cinnamon buns from Clint

Next meeting: June 17, 6:30 pm, Norway office.

County Meeting: Sunday May 31, Paris Fire Dept 1:30 to 2:30, candidates should be there at noon for special presentation.

Meeting Adjourned, 7:24 pm

Submitted: Helene Ragovin James

