

**Executive Meeting called by Marianne Simberg, May 14, 2009 at 7pm at the Hamilton Public Library.**

**Attendance- Marianne, Ed Sitts, Charlie Naef, Laura Costello, Leo Matzke, Mike Oot & Steve Jones.**

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Executive meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>- Charlie motioned, Ed 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved.**

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Very little change, total funds- \$5884.57**

**Savings CD- \$3000.00 exp. 5/28/09**

**May be reinvested at the treasurer's discretion**

### **Fund Raising – Mike Oot**

**Mike Oot is the new fundraising chairman. Volunteers are needed to form the committee.**

- **Annual dinner, October? (include surrounding counties & speakers)**
- **Involve non-committee members (Dot Willsey, Gwen Isbell)**
- **Keep costs reasonable (\$25/pp @ Valesky Event)**
- **An event @ Mike Oots'**
- **An event each month- June (Dave Valesky), July, August, Sept, Oct (dinner)**
- **Possible speakers- Howard Dean, Kirsten Gillibrand (for Sullivan event), Malcolm Smith, Andrew Cuomo**
- **Act Blue button on website (donations)**
- **Make personal calls for donations**

### **Visibility – Outreach**

**Marianne will send postcards to new democrats each month**

**Booth at Hamilton Farmer's Market**

**Maintain an event calendar to track all democratic events & email it to the committee with updates, support events outside of your town/city-**

### **Democratic Candidates in Local Races**

**Regional vice-chairs should be looking for candidates – Bylaws, Article II, Section 2, G**

**July meeting – Charlie will work on a meeting at Colgate Inn with a speaker/program  
Contact Jana Truett about joining the committee- Madison is full, Eaton? Smithfield?**

### **DRC Conference**

**There were 2 workshops on 'Winning Rural Campaigns'.**

**Very informative- share information with local candidates.**

### **Local Races**

**Sheriff's race next year – Al Riley (Lebanon) is interested**

**Dan Jones (Oneida) may primary**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Congressional – John Rhoades is interested**

**Respectfully submitted-      Laura Costello, Secretary**