

Meeting called to order by Chairman Marianne Simberg, April 9, 2009, 7pm, at the Sullivan Free Library in Chittenango.

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the September 16th County Committee Meeting. Judy Cary motioned to accept, Ione LeBlanc seconded, all approve.

Treasurer's Report

The checking account is currently	\$3,000.02
Savings – CDs	\$3,000.00

We need to have fundraisers this year. The account could easily be drained with a few strong candidates. We have 92 offices up this year for Town & City positions, plus the County Clerk. Charlie Naef motioned to accept. Ione LeBlanc seconded. Carried.

Kristi Andersen

Since Kristi last spoke to the committee a year ago, Barack Obama became President & there has been an economic collapse. It seems the time is right for a Democratic realignment. Kristi reviewed some historic events & eras that brought on changes in political alignment. The new voting population (young voters & African Americans) & Howard Dean's strategies have expanded our Democratic base. We need to maintain a strong organization to make our current alignment a lasting one.

Town of Sullivan Democrats

Sullivan is Madison County's largest township with a population of 14,991 of which 9,274 are registered voters, 2,433 registered Democrats. We are asking Democrats to join the County Committee & create a Sullivan committee.

Local Races

Town/City positions are up this year- Supervisors, Clerks, Justice, Council, etc. The County Clerk position (\$53,500/yr) is presently uncontested. We are looking for interested Democrats. Next year the Sheriff position is up- there is already a lot of interest.

State Committee

Dottie Betz is recuperating in Tennessee, Steve Jones gave the State Committee report. 47 smaller counties in NYS form the Democratic Rural Conference. The DRC is meeting in Saratoga April 17th- 18th. The Governor, Senators, Comptroller will be there. Saturday will involve workshops including running for office in rural areas. Everyone is welcome. NYS Democratic Committee will meet in May.

Report from Regional Vice Chairs

Region 1- Nancy McMaster- Village of Cazenovia will Caucus for Mayor & Trustees. Fenner has a Dem trustee, Georgetown is organizing & has a Dem trustee & possibly another Dem candidate. Region 2- Charlie Naef- Hamilton, Eaton & Madison are active, working on Lebanon. Hamilton has a Village Election, will caucus for Jim Bona, incumbent trustee. Hamilton will have a fundraiser in July. Region 3- Leo Matzke was excused from the meeting. Carolyn Hall has a possible candidate for Town Clerk in Stockbridge. Marianne reported for Oneida- June 13th is a chicken barbeque, they'll have a Democratic float in the Memorial Day parade.

Fundraiser

We need fundraiser idea & a committee chairman asap.

Filling of Vacancies

Wanda Warren Berry nominated Don Haight for the town of Hamilton.

Steve Jones nominated Dennis Sands for the town of Eaton.

Charles McMahon nominated Kathy Teague, Don Moore, Ken Drake, Gwen Cary, Gerri Pardy, & Pauline Waldron for the City of Oneida.

Barb Dahn nominated MaryJo Thomas for the town of Cazenovia.

All approved.

New Business

The Executive Committee approved buying an add in the DRC booklet for \$50.

Charles motioned, Steve Jones seconded, all approve.

Dave Valesky has been under attack lately, send him your support.

Mike Oot thanked the committee for all of their support.

Steve Jones nominated new Sullivan Committee members-

Paul LeBlanc, Doug Weaver, Robert Salmon, Tom Carlin, & Barry Glickstein.

All approved.

Judy Cary motioned to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted-
Laura Costello