

MEETING MINUTES
BONHOMME TOWNSHIP DEMOCRATIC CLUB
January 14, 2016

Present: Dennis Roach, Kayla Vaughan, Sharon Ryan, Kathe Dunlop, Jeanette Langton, Reece Pence, Janet Scott, Diane Adams, Jean Loemker, Deb Lavendar.

Opening:

Dennis Roach called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Election of New Officers: Having a quorum of 10 members, new officers were nominated and elected. Kathe Dunlop is the new Vice President; Sharon Ryan is the new Correspondence/Recording Secretary. We also discussed getting proxies from members in future elections in case we lack a quorum in future.

New Business: Dennis led a discussion about setting priorities for the club during the 2016 election year. Suggested were:

- Maintaining Deb Lavender as 90th district Rep
- Electing Bill Otto as the 2nd Congressional District Rep
- Working for Democratic President, US Senator (Kander)
- Electing Democratic Governor (Koster), and other state races
- Working in Kirkwood, Sunset Hills, Fenton races.

The consensus was that keeping a Democratic governor was critical for maintaining vetoes with a Republican majority in the legislature. Members were also encouraged to personally work for Deb Lavendar and other Democratic candidates.

Kayla suggested identifying precincts and recruiting precinct captains to set up a system for contacting residents with a Democratic voting record to boost turnout near the election. Jean Loemker and Dennis Roach have access to and can provide voter records for this. We will also plan to work on voter registration at the Greentree Festival.

It was also suggested that we reach out to other Democratic groups, especially those with young people, such as groups at Kirkwood High School and Meramec College, or UMSL. They tend to be willing to do canvassing and door-to-door activities (rather than attend meetings). Dennis suggested inviting a student speaker from Missouri University in February who might appeal to the members of the Kirkwood High School Democrats and Kirkwood Neighbors United in Meacham Park. She led an effort at Missouri University to educate members of white sororities about the recent racial controversy there.

Deb Lavendar spoke about her upcoming race. Republicans have targeted her seat. Her opponent, a newcomer to Kirkwood, has been endorsed by Rick Stream and Eric Schmidt. Deb expects Republicans to fund her opponent in a negative campaign as they did for Gina Jaksetic in her last race. She intends to run a positive campaign. Deb asked for our help now with forwarding e-mails, social media, and fundraisers.

Future Meeting topics: Kathy will work with Dennis on organizing the February meeting. Sharon will work with Dennis on the March meeting, where we hope to have a joint meeting with other townships. The presentation would be from the group Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense.

Business Meeting:

Treasurer's Report – we have a balance of \$990.0, which includes over \$200 raised in December 2015 at the holiday party.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, February 27th, 7:00 p.m. Bill Otto is having a Trivial Pursuit Fundraiser on at the Pavilion at Lemay – 305 Gregg Rd. Lemay Township, MO 63125. Kayla is coordinating putting a table together with Bonhomme Club members. Cost for a table is \$200, or \$25 each. Contact is Kathy Otto at 314-397-6042.

Thursday, April 7th 7:00 p.m. – the beginning of the Democratic Caucus Season. The first meeting for Bonhomme Township will be at the Kirkwood Community Center. Anyone may attend.

Next Meeting: February 9, at **Kirkwood Public Library**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.