MINUTES OF MEETING OF PELHAM DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE JANUARY 10, 2019

Roll was called at 8:05 PM. Present were: Marin Zielinski (Chair), Bill Bassell, Marc Burgess, Kristen Burke, John Calvelli, Aileen Dose, Ed Doty, Karen Gardner, Peter Hoffman, Maryanne Joyce, Romina Levy, Eileen Madden, Mariette Morrissey, Toby Marxuach-Gusciora, Liz Massie (via phone), Kate Pringle, and Tara Weishaupl. Minutes of December meeting were approved.

Marin expressed the need for a technology leader since she is overwhelmed. Todd Cross, a VoP Dem attending the meeting, volunteered to serve.

Marin reported that Robert Lieber is the teacher who advises the Young Democrats Club at PMHS. Mr. Lieber has not responded to follow-ups regarding the club. Romina noted that she knows Mr. Lieber and would follow up with him.

Toby explained that she formed a committee with Rachel Cullen, Audrey Beerman and Tara Weishaupl, to develop the criteria on which a PMHS Senior will be selected to receive the Michael Schwerner Award.

With most people not ready to move forward with District Advisors, or with a town-wide survey, plans for each were pushed to Feb.

There was a discussion of Minivan/Van. Marc said that information posted on the app could not be kept confidential. Lisa agreed to see if the PDC could get access to the app under the County contract.

Aileen gave the Treasurer’s report, noting that we have a current balance of $3,191.61. It was estimated that the committee would require about $1,500 to run unopposed candidates in the upcoming Town/Villages election and about $3,000 if there is opposition. That led to a discussion of the Democratic and Republican causes to be held in both villages later in January.

In order to raise funds, a special screening of “On the Basis of Sex” will be shown at The Picture House. Romina will talk to Mr. Lieber about encouraging the Young Democrats to attend. John suggested that Alessandra Biaggi, Amy Paulin and Terry Clements hold a panel discussion afterwards. Alessandra, who was in attendance, agreed. John, Toby, Liz and Aileen agreed to organize the event.

Karen mentioned the upcoming meeting at the Town Hall to discuss bike-sharing.

Lisa Hill-Ries and Mike Carpenter each gave short presentations on their candidacies for Pelham Village Trustees.

Peter Hoffmann shared that he contacted Amy Paulin about proposing a law to prevent ICE (internal combustion engine) vehicles from parking in spots designated for electric vehicles to recharge, and that Paulin’s office agreed to pursue it.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.