

EAST FISHKILL REPUBLICAN CLUB
MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 26, 2009

A meeting of the East Fishkill Republican Club was held at 7:30 p.m. at the East Fishkill Library.

Attendees: Helmy El-Sherif, Tom Franco, Barbara Zawadzinsky, Marie Acampora, Marj Way, Bob Pasocello, Russ Liebler and Sam Patton.

Helmy began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bob Pasocello made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the July 29th meeting. Russ Liebler seconded the motion.

Barbara Zawadzinsky read the Treasurer's report. Marie Acampora moved to accept them and Russ Liebler seconded the motion.

Old Business: Results of the Family Picnic event held on August 8th were discussed. Suggestions were made on how to increase attendance at future events. Excess food was brought to the Lunch Box in Poughkeepsie for which they were very grateful.

Barbara Zawadzinsky has prepared the invitations for the Second Annual East Fishkill Recognition Dinner to honor Donald McGrath, Michael Quinn and Britta Larka. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, September 30th at Arbor Ridge. Cost is \$50 per person. Cocktails (cash bar) begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Responses are due on September 17th.

Greg Ball held a Town Hall meeting on August 19th at the Sierra Hotel in Fishkill. Approximately 350 people attended. John Hall was invited to attend, but no response was received from him. Greg stresses that attendees have to listen to pros and cons with civility and he enforced that. Politicians listen to what's written, so people are encouraged to write letters to them and to newspaper editors.

Helmy spoke about how the Cleveland Clinic and Mayo Clinic reduced the cost and deliverance of their services. They redefined how to deliver those services. He offered Greg the opportunity to visit Cleveland Clinic.

The health care debate continues and people need to be educated as to the problems with the public plan. Our politicians should be asked if they will use whatever health bill passes. If they will not, they should not vote for it. Members of Congress, staff, federal workers and even the President should be mandated to accept whatever bill is passed.

New Business: Greg Ball seeks a reliable, energetic and organized individual to be his Campaign Coordinator. Anyone interested should contact Helmy at elsherif@aol.com

Russ reported that Joe Mondello, Chairman of the State Republican Committee is not running. Ed Cox is running and is being supported by Dutchess County.

The East Fishkill Republican Club received a plaque from the East Fishkill Baseball Association to express their thanks for sponsoring the Brewers team.

Fundraising ideas were discussed. Among the ideas are a 10K run, Comedy Night, Auctions and Garage Sales. Suggestions to increase attendance at meetings and events were also discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Marj Way made the motion and Tom Franco seconded it.