The March 11, 2017 Democratic Town Committee opened at 9:07am. Introductions were made.

Present:, Sue Anthony, Kathleen Bacon, Elaine Baskin, Barbara Cary, Reatha Ciotti, Dick Guernsey, Elspeth Hay, Evelyn Jackson, , Suzanne Lawlor, Michele Olem, Geraldine Ramer, Diane Roehm, Steve Roehm, Liberty Schilpp, Bonnie Shepard, Sheila Lyons, Norma Simon, Lydia Vivante.

Reports:
Minutes of Feb. 25, 2017 meeting were read, seconded and approved.

Treasurer - Dick Guernsey reported $1113.29 in the Wellfleet account, $2106.91 in the Outer Cape Democratic Coalition account for a total balance of $3220.20.

Outreach Michele's reports: CIVIC: free preschool update. – each town decides on funding (vouchers or within the public school) Navigator : substance abuse recovery programs are progressing on the Outer Cape, Cape Cod Hospital, Champions Recovery.

Pilgrim- Lydia reported that the NRC rating remains at Level 4 (Level 5 automatic shutdown). Bonnie Shepard reported that Gov. Baker could shut it down. Pressure on representatives is encouraged.

Indivisible groups - Mary Wright reported on the Lower Cape group meetings in Brewster. To sign up visit lowercapeindivisible.com and for Provincetown meetings: indivisibleoutercape.org

Barnstable County - Lydia said she is looking for someone to coordinate attending county assembly and commissioners' meetings.

Presentations:
Elspeth Hay reported on climate change and her work with Mass350 (350 parts per million is the uppermost level of Carbon Dioxide for survival) Currently we are at 400-405ppm. 350.org is staging climate mobilization protests all over the world. Mass Power Forward's goal is to get towns to set a date to go 100% carbon free; declare a climate *emergency,* and set up a task force. The Wellfleet town administrator is agreeable. This would go to Town Meeting in the Fall 2017 or Spring 2018.

Kathleen Bacon recommends that Elspeth speak to the National Seashore Advisory Board. Kathleen is an alternate and Lilli-Ann Green is Wellfleet's representative. Cape Light Compact and Self Reliance are offering clean energy. Mary suggests getting on the Indivisible and Herring River Restoration Project. agendas. Lydia suggests tables at Wellfleet's Energy Fair (June) and Harbor Conference (Nov). Kathleen reported that there is a meeting with 3 scientists on March 25 at 7pm at the COA. Reatha reported that there are two more climate change sessions at the Library. See wellfleetlibrary.org

Liberty Schlipp reported on Wellfleet Families for Peace and Justice. They work on local issues and have created a Facebook page. They have participated in the Boston's Women's March, and formed a group to write postcards for the Ides of Trump at the Library on Sunday at 2pm. A teacher at the Wellfleet Elementary School has started an after school non-political peace and justice program. The families group is trying to get involved with other activist groups. See swingleft.org

Other Business:

Evelyn Jackson reported that she and her husband, Bob, are starting Building Bridges, a group that will offer baby sitting for young people so they can attend meetings.

Phone Calls to Political Leaders are very important. (both positive and negative) wellfleetdems.org has a links page lists all the Representatives in he country.

June 3 Convention - Add-On delegates and guests can go paying their own registration fee.

CIDC requests nominations for the Community Service Award and Democrat of the Year for presentation at the annual Jefferson Jackson Dinner. Nominations were Susan Truitt/Cape and Islands Stronger Together for Democrat of the Year and Esther and Dick Elkin/Nauset Neighbors for Community Service. The nominations were seconded and approved.

Lydia made a request for speakers for the April meeting. Meetings will go back to Thursday mornings. The April meeting will be at Mary Wright's home.

Sheila Lyons also emphasized the importance of attending Barnstable County meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20am.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne M. Lawlor
Acting Secretary