

## Monthly Meeting 6-10-24

President Jean Vezzosi brought the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Prayer and pledge of allegiance

President Vezzosi briefly talked about social media platforms and reminded members that their dues is due.

### **Old Business**

It was motioned that the notes from last meeting be accepted. It was seconded and passed.

### **New Business**

Treasurer's report – Carolyn Vezzosi gave a Balance of \$5,762.63

1<sup>st</sup> speaker - Patricia Rucker, candidate for WV state senator district 16, was grateful for all the support. She said, Republicans are ahead by only 2%. She plans to debate her Democratic opponent, John Doyle, in Shepherdstown, Inwood, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> location yet to be determined. She still needs people to go door to door. Democrats out spent Republicans in the last election. Her opponent is very liberal, raises taxes and is pro big-government. She plans to move forward in ethic reforms and highway improvements.

2<sup>nd</sup> speaker – Tom Willis, candidate for senatorial district 15, was pleased with his victory and thanked all the volunteers. After checking the primary results, he found that where we did “door to door” canvassing we got very good results, but where we didn't the results were poor. He already noticed “negative info.” has started already prior to the general election. He thinks vaccine issues are still important and he supports Patrick Morrissey. He is concerned about prescription drugs and how West Virginia is behind other states on this issue. He believes in more police officers. There are many concerns, taking care of our water, air, etc., but it's mainly cutting red tape that is most effective. In a question and answer session, he mentioned government regulations that might block attempts to stop all the new developments. He needs to fight these regulations. Plus, he believes that government is keeping healthcare scarce in rural areas, including mental health. He was asked about Rt 45 in Martinsburg, but didn't have a direct answer.

3<sup>rd</sup> speaker – Mary Gee opened by saying, “Solar is not green”. We have 5 solar projects on the books right now. These projects were supposed to be voted on and were passed over 3 times. Solar farms are foreign owned and our projects are just a trial run. More are on the way. Also, solar projects have destroyed a trout stream and removed the good top soil from farm land. “This is a fight for our soul”, she said. Her plan of action is to audit the bonds that these solar companies want. Jefferson Security Bank is where all the money is coming from They had a meeting on Solar, but it had already passed and it was just for show.

President Vezzosi entered a brief discussion on the May elections, and wanted 5 topics that WTP should put forward in the upcoming debates. Unfortunately, it got bogged down into what is better, a debate or a forum? Nothing was decided.

Lynn Welsh said we need a good moderator and good questions.

The fate of the two commissioners, Jackson and Krouse, is still up in the air. They have filled an appeal and the results should be in a couple weeks.

President Vezzosi reminded everyone that nominations for Vice President must be made by members of We The People.

Bill Ridenour posed a serious question about the upcoming election. "Stop the insanity that's destroying our state and country."

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Lynn Welsh seconded the motion and it was passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.