

Southington Young Democrats--January 5, 2017 Meeting Minutes

1. great turnout!! (Ross Hart, Nicole Verrilli, Christopher Daley, Ben and Jess Arsenault, Allie Rinaldi, Matt Bunko, Theo Smigelski, Tom Uryga, Nate Wilson, Erica Armstrong, Gary Beaumont--not present, Ted Cabata, Bob Brown, Bob Berkmoes, Jim Sinclair)
2. We will conduct a food drive in Southington on a Saturday in April (15th?)--meet on green in Plantsville, collect food for local Bread for Life. Publicize.
3. February 24--meet at El Sombrero again, at 6, to finalize plans for food drive and other activities--anyone checking with someone should do so by then.
4. Early June--we will take a field trip to the capital in Hartford (Washington later??)--try to meet with Joe Aresimowicz, Ted Kennedy, Liz Linehan and Nancy Wyman (maybe Kevin Lembo as well).
5. We will attend the Connecticut Young Democrats meeting--Nate Wilson will tell us the date.
6. We will look into attending the JJB dinner (many state and national Democrats attend--issue is the cost, \$100 per person) and the state Women's Leadership Brunch at Aqua Turf. More information is needed and ways to pay for these!
7. We will hold an August picnic--try to get state and local politicians. This is also a local election year so we need to organize!! This will probably be a separate picnic from the town Democratic picnic, which our members are encouraged to attend as well.
8. In a discussion after our meeting, it was suggested we solicit issues that are important to young Democrats--could everyone please think about what issues you believe are important and send them to me? WE do have local elections next fall, and state and national ones after that--we need more input from young people! What is important to you! What would you like to see us do!!
9. Please talk to people and grow our group--we are off to a great start!! Bob Brown (honorary Dad)(we have officers, but they must be formally named by the town committee)