Barbara Buckles, Secretary/Treasurer

**Call to Order:** Ben Lovelace, Vice Chair called the April 20, 2021 meeting to order at 6:33

**Members and Guests Present:** Carol Ann Leonard, Liz Piel, Sam Hay, Hank Bonner, Dave Cross, Bridgit Kirouac, Ben Lovelace, Gayle Ryan, Barbara Buckles

**Announcements:** Carol Ann will continue to send out the e-mail to the caucus as I have always done. The e-mails will have details as always. My goal is to coordinate all the environmental groups in order to have a stronger voice in changing things.

Hank is going to set up a calendar on the Democratic website. You can check there for a quick look up of events

There will also be some information about our group. We are already listed on the website along with the Democratic Club and the Martin County Women's Democratic Club. There is a link to our MCDEC Facebook website that Gayle Ryan maintains for us. There is also a way people can send an e-mail to two people to ask to join our group. We have had two new members join and I welcomed them to the group. I have added them to my e-mail list.

Ben and Hank discussed the possibility of adding reports and graphs to our website.

Minutes: Carol Ann asked three times and then the March minutes were approved

**Treasurer Report:** Current bank balance is 1,524.15 The members having paid were thanked. The Act Blue account was also discussed.

**Rivers Coalition Update:** Carol Ann will continue to send out emails about the April meeting and sent out the notes taken by Sam Hay at the March meeting. Thank you, Sam, for doing this.

**DECF:** The DECF By-Laws Committee is almost finished revising the By-Laws. When they are complete, we can finish the revisions that our By-Laws Committee has made. Also, we are supposed to coordinate with the state Democratic party as well. They are in the process of re-organizing, handling financial affairs and more. We need to see what they write in regard to the DECF and our chapter.

Don't forget to send your \$10.00 to DECF separately. I have sent out the information twice.

**Old Business/New Business:** Per Ben Lovelace, increase membership. Both Ben and Hank are working on upgrades to the MCDEC on the martincountydemocrats.org website. Hank is adding a page for our Environmental caucus and other additional upgrades. Carol Ann talked about pre Covid ways we tried to increase our membership.

**Meeting Concluded:** Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.