Minutes May 4, 2021

Johnson County Democratic Party

Business Meeting

May 4, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Greg Haas, Chair.

Attendance in person: Lorajane Kessler, Mitch Black, Suzi Black, Jim Shell, Bill McIntyre, Mary Van Auken, Lois Petersen, Sharon Case, Dudley Case, Greg Haas

Attendance online: Vikki Chenette

Greg lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer Report – Suzi Black

As of May 4th, there was $1,764.59 in the bank account. There is also a check from Act Blue for $96.05 and an anonymous donation of $100.00.

Secretary Report – Dudley Case

Lois Petersen made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 6th business meeting. Mary Van Auken seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chair Announcements – Greg Haas

All the JC Dems officers have signed the signature cards at the bank.

If you are interested in attending the WDP Labor Caucus meeting by Zoom contact Greg Haas for details.

The Bighorn National Forest Steering Committee will be holding a virtual meeting on May 5th from 10:30 am to 3:15 pm via Microsoft Teams. If you are interested in attending the meeting contact Greg Haas for details or visit the Bighorn National Forest website. *[Correction: Was the BLM, not Nat'l Forest. My mistake. -Greg]*

On Saturday, May 16th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm (Pacific Time) the National Democratic Training Committee is holding the Western Regional Boot Camp training if you are running for office or working on a campaign in 2021 or 2022. If you are interested in attending contact Greg Haas for details.

Old Business:

1. June 1st JC Dems Business Meeting – Greg Haas

In lieu of the 7:00 pm June 1st JC Dems Business Meeting Greg has arranged for Shannon Anderson from the Powder River Basin Resource Council (PRBRC) to make a presentation about the PRBRC.

Mary Van Auken made a motion to approve Shannon Anderson as a speaker in lieu of the normal business meeting. Vikki Chenette seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Vikki Chenette made a motion to hold this meeting at the Johnson County Public Library in the large conference room and have it open to the general public. Lois Petersen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Suzi Black made a motion to allow the JC Dems Central Committee to find an alternate venue should the public library room not be available. Lorajane Kessler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Vikki Chenette, Greg Haas and Lois Petersen volunteered to work

on the publicity (community calendar, flyer, press release, etc.) for this event.

2. May 19th JC Dems Luncheon Forum – Bill McIntyre

The luncheon forum will be held at noon at the Par & Grill restaurant at the Buffalo Golf Course.

Thirteen democrats attended the April 21st luncheon forum at the Par & Grill.

3. Sheridan County and Johnson County Democrats Concert Update – Lois Petersen

This event will be held on Saturday, June 26 at Kearney Hall from 4:00 to about 8:00 pm. There will be a live band, dancing, a raffle, food and outdoor activities. The hall is located on old Highway 87 and may be accessed from the Piney Creek exit off of I-90.

Lois Petersen asked that items for the raffle be given to her before June 1st.

The hall and band will each cost $200, and tables may need to be rented. There will also be publicity costs for such things as postcards, and food costs for such items as sloppy joes and hot dogs. Therefore, a $10 donation will be requested from each attendee.

Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass around.

On June 1st there will be a planning meeting at 3:00 pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact Lois Petersen.

Volunteers will be needed for cooking, desserts, recycling, set up and clean up.

There will be an effort to get young people to attend this event.

Lois Petersen made a motion for the JC Dems to financially help with this event up to $200. Jim Shell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. Precinct Highlights – Dudley Case

Democratic members in precincts 2-14, 5-9 8-11 and 9-12 were contacted.

Dudley called 21 members and got two new email addresses and discovered three wrong phone numbers.

There were two suggestions for guest speakers. One, was to have someone talk on the issue of lack of access to Wyoming public lands, and, two, to have someone talk about the transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy.

Several Democratic members also said that they would try to make one of the luncheon forums.

New Business:

Greg Haas mentioned that Erin O'Doherty has started a Wyoming Dems Book Club. There will be a meeting of the club on May 23rd at 4:00 pm. The first book that will be discussed is Harvest the Vote by Jane Kleeb, which is about how Democrats can win back rural America.

If you are interested in more information about the book club, please contact Greg Haas. Mitch Black, Vikki Chenette and Bill McIntyre expressed an interest in getting more information about the club.

Announcements from the floor:

Lois Petersen stated that a Sheridan Committee Action Team has been formed. The committee will be lobbying local officials on Medicaid expansion in Wyoming. They will be formulating a script for calls made to officials.

Greg Haas announced that he had attended the WDP precinct committee training. As part of the training the instructor said that Dems should not be afraid to wear Democratic hats and t-shirts.

Jim Shell stated that he still has some copies of the book On Tyranny by Timothy Snyder if anyone would like a copy.

Announcements of upcoming meetings:

1. June 1st JC Dems Guest Speaker meeting at 7:00 pm. Location: TBA

2. May 19th Luncheon Forum at the Par & Grill restaurant at the Buffalo Golf Course at noon.

3. June 26th Sheridan and JC Dems Concert event at Kearney Hall at 4:00 pm.

4. July 6 JC Dems Monthly Meeting.

Lois Petersen made a motion that this meeting should be a business meeting in part to talk about future guest speakers for our meetings. Bill McIntyre seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Next Monthly Meeting:

June 1st at 7:00 pm. Location: TBA

Adjournment:

Greg Haas adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm.

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May 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM
via Zoom.us, register by Clicking Here to receive invitation.

Agenda

7:00pm Call to order
7:05pm Pledge, Check in, introduce, announce as needed, approve/amend agenda
7:15pm Treasurer, Secretary and Chair Announcements
    Minutes, money, Luncheon, Bank, WDP Labor Caucus Elections, Bighorn NF Steering Committee Virtual Meeting
7:20 Old Business
    June 1st Speaker Event
    Sheridan/JC Kearney Hall event June 26 update
    Precinct Highlights
7:40 New Business
    Book Club
7:45 Announcements from the floor
7:50 Announce upcoming meetings
    Next Monthly Meeting: ???, 2021
    Other?
7:55 Adjourn

Agenda April 6, 2021

Johnson County Democratic Party Meeting
April 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM
via Zoom.us, register by Clicking Here to receive invitation.

Agenda

7:00pm Call to order
7:05pm Pledge, Check in, introduce, announce as needed, approve/amend agenda
7:15pm Treasurer, Secretary and Chair Announcements
    Minutes, money, etc.
    Notary Public
7:20 Old Business
    Elections
    Luncheon
    Precinct Highlights
7:35 New Business
    Groups/Clubs
    Book, Movie, Activism
    WDP April Trainings
7:45 Announcements from the floor
7:55 Announce upcoming meetings
    Next Monthly Meeting: ???, 2021
    Other?
8:00 Adjourn

2021 Reorganization Meeting

Johnson County Democratic Party

For Immediate Release

Date:
February 10, 2021
Contact:
Greg Haas, Chairman
307-684-7398
email

Johnson County Dems Leadership Election

Buffalo, WY– Over the next few months the Johnson County Democratic Party and the Wyoming Democratic Party will be electing leaders to forge the way to 2022 elections.

The Johnson County Party elections will take place on March 20, 2021, online, starting at 10:00am. Invitations can be obtained by registering on the Johnson County Democratic Party's website: https://jcdemswyo.org/zoom.

Election of county leadership will take place in March and state leadership in April. In March, those who make up the voting members of a county's central committee, will vote for their county's Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and a State Committeeman and Committeewoman. Any registered Democrat may run for an officer position.

Agenda March 2, 2021

Johnson County Democratic Party Meeting
March, 2 2021 at 7:00 PM
Bomber Mtn Civic Center – Room 108
***ALSO via Zoom.us, register below to receive invitation.* (the form scrolls in the box)**

Agenda

7:00pm Call to order
7:05pm Pledge, Check in, introduce, announce as needed, approve/amend agenda
7:15pm Treasurer, Secretary and Chair Announcements
    Minutes, money, etc.
7:20 Old Business
    Campaign contributions
    County Reorg Meeting – March 20, 2021
    Precinct Highlights
    MiniVAN
7:45 New Business
    County Officer Election (docs)
7:55 Announcements from the floor
8:05 Announce upcoming meetings
    Next Monthly Meeting: April 6, 2021
    Other?
8:15 Adjourn

Agenda February 2, 2021

Johnson County Democratic Party Meeting
February, 2 2021 at 7:00 PM
Bomber Mtn Civic Center – Room 108
via Zoom.us, find link in email

Agenda

7:00pm Call to order
7:05pm Pledge, Check in, introduce, announce as needed, approve/amend agenda
7:08pm Special Business
    Zoom upgrade account/expense – Accept motion from the floor to pay for month to month zoom account.
7:15pm Treasurer, Secretary and Chair Announcements
    Minutes, money, etc.
    Trainings: WyoDems, NDTC, ESPC
7:20 Old Business
    Precinct Questions
    Precinct Highlights
    Guest speakers for meetings this year (Speaker club?)
    Local candidates
7:40 New Business
    County Convention:

- Bylaws – Share those paragraphs pertinent to the County Convention
- Chair will accept motions from the floor to decide time, date and location/method of County Convention.

7:55 Announce upcoming meetings
    Next Monthly Meeting: March 2, 2021
    Other?
8:15 Adjourn

Agenda January 5, 2021

Johnson County Democratic Party Meeting
January 5, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Bomber Mtn Civic Center – Room 108

Agenda

7:00pm Call to order
7:05pm Pledge, Check in, introduce, announce as needed, approve/amend agenda
7:10pm Treasurer, Secretary and Chair Announcements
    Minutes, money, etc.
7:15 Business, old and new
    social aspects of precincts
    precinct maps
    finances
    earlier start on ad campaigns
    ways to help community as a group
    guest speakers for meetings this year
    technological alternatives to gathering
    local candidates
8:00 Announce upcoming meetings
    Next Monthly Meeting: February 2, 2021?
    Other?
8:15 Adjourn

Agenda Nov 4, 2020

Johnson County Democratic Party Meeting
November 4, 2020 at 7:00 PM
Bomber Mtn Civic Center – Room 102

Agenda

7:00pm Call to order
7:05pm Pledge, Check in, introduce, announce as needed, approve/amend agenda
7:10pm Treasurer, Secretary and Chair Announcements
7:15 Old Business
    Open to floor, reflections on Election Day
7:35 New Business
    Open to floor.
7:50 Announce upcoming meetings
    Next Monthly Meeting: ???
    Other?
7:55 Adjourn

Minutes October 6, 2020

JC Dems Minutes
October 6, 2020
Bomber Mt. Civic Center – Wyoming Room

In Attendance:
Chairman, Treasurer, SCM, 2 precinct committeemen and committeewomen, 2 others.

Call to Order:
Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm. Mary Jo agreed to take notes for minutes. Folks introduced themselves. Allegiance to the flag, republic and justice for all was pledged. Chair asked for any motions to alter the agenda. Added followup discussion re: offer to campaigns of ad funding in Johnson County.

Announcements and Reports:
Treasurer's Reported current balance and summarized the past month's transactions. Greg submitted receipts for reimbursement for domain name registration.
Minutes of the Sept 1, 2020 meeting were approved as written.

Old Business:

- Greg has contacted both Ben-David and Grey Bull campaigns regarding offer from last meeting. He updated those present on what he'd learned and the lack of meaningful response and his thoughts about why that may be the case. Some discussion about alternatives took place. Greg will follow up.
- Greg reported on post card sending sessions and letter to the editor class the WDP offered.
- Greg reported on yard signs coming from campaigns over the next several days. He will be communicating via email listserv as that situation develops.
- Greg noted that Grey Bull is offering hand-made campaign masks to the first 100 people who donate $25 or more. Visit https://secure.actblue.com/donate/gbmasks.

New Business:

- Discussion about David Romtvedt as write-in candidate for JCSD1 school board. Nobody in the room had first hand confirmation of his acceptance or current interest in being a write-in candidate. Discussion about use of

postcard writing effort to support his candidacy. Further discussion suggestions about list of addresses and purpose of future postcard round. Another brief meeting will be planned for Wednesday October 14, 2020 to distribute addresses and decide postcard language. Room 108 at 5:00pm.
- Discussion about flags and yard signs. Discussion about Jim's letter to the editor and the events described therein.

Announcements from the floor:

- No announcements nor motions from the floor.
- Postcard meeting Oct. 14 at 5pm in room 108 of Bomber Mtn Civic Center.
- Next month meeting Nov. 4, 2020 at 7pm in room 108 of BMC.

Adjournment: at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted by Greg Haas, Chairman

Agenda October 6, 2020

Johnson County Democratic Party Meeting
October 6, 2020 at 7:00 PM
Bomber Mtn Civic Center – Wyoming Room
also: Internet Stream (see email for address)

Agenda

7:00pm Call to order
7:05pm Pledge, Check in, introduce, announce as needed,

approve/amend agenda
7:10pm Treasurer, Secretary and Chair Announcements
    Money, Minutes, Domain name registration receipt, pass the hat
7:15 Old Business
    GOTV – Postcards, past and present. Signs.
    Letters to the Editor
7:35 New Business
    Write-in candidate(s)
    Signs
7:40 Motions and Announcements from the floor
7:50 Announce upcoming meetings
    Next Monthly Meeting: November 4, 2020
    Other?
7:55 Adjourn