# Agenda Dec 3, 2019

Johnson County Democratic Party Meeting Dec 3, 2019 Agenda

7:00 p.m. Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Sign in sheet and introductions
7:05 p.m. Reports
Secretary's presentation of the minutes of the last meeting (https://jcdemswyo.org/2019/11/minutes-nov-5th-2019/)
Treasurer's summary of financial activity.
Announcements from the Chair. (Joe's email. Sarah's request)
7:15 p.m. New Business:
Motion to form Primary Election committee
Old business
Video(s) about Ranked Choice Voting (a.k.a. Instant Runoff Voting)
Followup on January event

motion to send invitation in most time efficient manner, or motion to hand-address invitation motion to create list of activities for the event

Donation to College/Civic Center (motion to donate a particular dollar amount)

Announcements from the floor

Better Angels

7:40 p.m. Adjourn & Announce next meeting

# Agenda Nov 5, 2019

Johnson County Democratic Party Meeting Nov 5, 2019 Agenda

#### 7:00 p.m. Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance Sign in sheet and introductions

### 7:05 p.m. Reports

Secretary's presentation of the minutes of the <u>last meeting</u>. (https://jcdemswyo.org/2019/10/minutes-october-1-2019/)
Treasurer's summary of financial activity.
Announcements from the Chair.

#### 7:15 p.m. New Business:

Guest Kevin Delaney via telephone from Warren Campaign. Intro, Talk, Q & A

Lois will move that Dems gather in early Jan. as a way to get to know each other.

#### Old business

Followup on tri-county training. Followup on letter writing.

#### Announcements from the floor

Lois hopes to present some information about Better Angels. Others.

## 7:40 p.m. Adjourn & Announce next meeting

# Agenda October 1, 2019

Johnson County Democratic Party Meeting Oct 1, 2019 Agenda

## 7:00 p.m. Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance Sign in sheet and introductions

### 7:05 p.m. Reports

Secretary's presentation of the minutes of the last meeting. https://jcdemswyo.org/2019/09/minutes-september-3-2019/ Treasurer's summary of financial activity. Announcements from the Chair.

## 7:10 p.m. Old Business:

Follow up on resolution story to Bulletin. Follow up on email listserv.

## 7:15 p.m. New Business:

Letter content ideas and addressees
Announcements from the floor

## 7:25 p.m. Adjourn

\*\* LETTER WRITING SESSION \*\*

# Minutes September 3, 2019

JC Dems Minutes — Sept. 3, 2019 In Attendance: Greg Haas (P), Jim Shell (T), Lois Petersen (S), Bob Day, and Kathie Day (SCW)

#### Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Agenda for this meeting and minutes of our Aug. 6th meeting were approved as written

Treasurer's Report: Jim reported a current balance of \$2028.23. Jim shared a record of donations given to JC Dems through ActBlue Network. Lois will write a thank you notes.

#### **Announcements:**

Greg noted that our website domain name (jcdemswyo.org) is expiring. Payment of \$15.99 was approved to renew it.

Greg updated us on the Aug. 17 meeting of the State Central Committee that took place in Lander. Three resolutions were presented and passed there:

- 1) RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO PROVIDE THE RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WITH STATEHOOD AND FULL DEMOCRACY
- 2) A RESOLUTION REGARDING WYOMING DEMOCRATIC PARTY SUPPORT OF DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES DURING THE 2020 PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION CYCLES
- 3) A RESOLUTION URGING THE WYOMING STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT LEGISLATION TO MAKE ALL COUNTY-LEVEL POLITICAL RACES NON-PARTISAN This resolution, submitted by JC Democrats, was presented by Greg and was passed unanimously. Greg will report on this resolution and its passage at the state level to the Buffalo Bulletin. *IMPORTANT*: The Johnson County Democrats will host a letter-writing session at our next scheduled meeting (Oct. 1st), sending information about this resolution proposal to our state legislators and asking their support for it. Please plan to come to the meeting and help with this effort.

The next State Committee Meeting will take place in February of 2020. Park County was selected as the location for the 2020 Wyoming Democratic Party (WDP) Convention taking place on Saturday, June 6, 2020 — mark your calendar.

Greg summarized other documents related to state party politics and activities sent by Joe Barbuto, WDP Chair.

Greg demonstrated Instant run-off or ranked choice voting.

#### New business:

We need to start conversing with fellow democrats, help people get registered to vote, and recruit precinct chairs. There was discussion about possible ways to use voter rolls for this effort.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Next meeting is on Tues., Oct. 1, 7:00 pm, Bomber Mountain Room 108.

# Agenda September 3, 2019

Johnson County Democratic Party Meeting Sept 3, 2019 Agenda (proposed)

7:00 p.m. Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance Sign in sheet and introductions

7:10 p.m. Reports

Secretary's presentation of the minutes of the last meeting.

https://jcdemswyo.org/2019/08/minutes-august-6-2019/

- Treasurer's summary of financial activity.
- Announcements from the Chair, including reports from SCC on August 17 in Lander, WY (three resolutions, WDP, DNC, ASDC, and further discussion in New Business)

## 7:25 p.m. Old Business:

■ Precinct Committee People — Names, Precincts

## 7:35 p.m. New Business:

- Discussion about objectives and planning for next several meetings, especially leading into Primary/Caucus 2020.
- Discussion time regarding ranked-choice (instant runoff) voting.

(Chair will share a sample ballot at the meeting)

## 8:00 p.m. Adjournment

# State Party Adopts Similar Resolution as JC Dems

For the record, here's a copy of the resolution passed by the WDP State Central Committee in 2019.

Click link for WDP PDF -> <u>Resolution Urging Non-Partisan County</u>
<u>Races</u>

Click link for JCDems PDF -> Resolution-County-Elections-Signed

# Local Elections Should Be Non-Partisan

Regarding the partisan nature of county elections in Wyoming, JC Dems passed the following on second and final reading July 2, 2019:

WHEREAS hundreds, if not thousands of voters, without switching party affiliation, are unable to vote in Municipal and County partisan primary elections for their candidate of choice and,

WHEREAS partisan primaries and "party switching" creates significant increases in record keeping for election officials and,

WHEREAS "party switching" results in increases of costs and difficulties faced by state parties when attempting to accurately reach out to their members and,

WHEREAS "party switching" leads to inaccurate counts of party membership, especially in smaller jurisdictions and,

WHEREAS voters who change parties in order to vote in a local primary election are inadvertently locked into affecting a state-level primary race and,

WHEREAS many municipal elections in Wyoming are already non-partisan,

THEREFORE we hereby RESOLVE that the Wyoming elections statutes be amended to state that "all municipal and county elections in Wyoming" shall be non-partisan.

# Agenda August 6, 2019

Johnson County Democratic Party Meeting August 6, 2019 Agenda (proposed)

7:00 p.m. Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance Sign in sheet and introductions

7:10 p.m. Reports

Secretary's presentation of the minutes of the last meeting. Treasurer's summary of financial activity.

Announcements from the Chair.

7:15 p.m. Old Business:

Precinct Committee People - Names, Precincts

7:30 p.m. New Business:

WDP Summer events Schedule Review

7:45 p.m. Adjournment

# Agenda July 2, 2019

Johnson County Democratic Party Meeting

## June 4, 2019 Agenda

## 7:00 p.m. Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance Sign in sheet and introductions

## 7:10 p.m. Reports

Secretary's presentation of the minutes of the last meeting. Treasurer's summary of financial activity.

Announcements from the Chair.

## 7:15 p.m. Old Business:

Precinct Committee People — Names, Precincts
Resolutions — County elections (Chair would entertain a motion to, for example, accept the resolution as written on "second and final reading".)

## 7:40 p.m. New Business:

Parade 2019 - Updates, Discussion, Budget Requests

## 8:00 p.m. Adjournment

Video Presentation — Lois Petersen

# **County Elections**

Regarding the partisan nature of county elections in Wyoming, JC Dems passed the following on first reading June 4, 2019:

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WHEREAS "party switching" leads to inaccurate counts of party membership, especially in smaller jurisdictions and

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