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Johnson County Democratic Party Meeting
October 3, 2023

Call to Order:

Chair Greg Haas called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

There were no additions to the agenda.

Attendance:

Greg Haas, Mary VanAuken, Lorajane Kessler, Dudley Case, Sharon Case, Lois Petersen, Linda Wilson, Kim McCoy, Vikki Chenette.

Secretary Report:

The Minutes of August 1 were approved and will be entered into the record.

Treasurer Report:

Dudley reported income and expenses for general and scholarship accounts as of 10/1/23, providing a Balance Sheet for filing.

Chair Announcements:

Introduction to Deep Canvass Institute, a proven method to change hearts and minds Virtual Training to be held Tuesday, Oct. 24.
Johnson County Public Library Annual Benefit Auction ìAround the Worldî is Friday, Nov. 3.
Powder River Resource Council Annual Meeting and Dinner is Saturday, Nov. 4.
Public comment is open for the Bureau of Land Management's proposed bonding policy revisions related to land around Rock Springs ends January 17th. More information can be found at: https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/13853/570

Old Business:

Johnson County Friends Feeding Friends posted a Thank You to JCD on their website on 9/29.
Signage identifying our Adopt-a-Highway areas may be erected in October. Dates for 2024 clean ups are to be determined.
The William D. McIntyre Scholarship committee is planning a film night at Buffalo Theater plus a gift basket raffle to benefit the 2024 scholarship awards. The event would be open to the general public and held Thursday, Nov. 30, with the raffle drawing before Christmas. A motion to approve sponsoring the event and to allocate funds needed to promote and screen the film Meat the Future up to $350.00 from the Scholarship budget was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.
Greg shared a draft of the new, 2-sided colorful JCD information cards and solicited suggestions.

New Business:

Our next meeting will be held November 7 at 6:00pm.

Upcoming Meetings:

Comms Call on Tuesdays at 7:00pm on 1st and 3rd weeks.
County Officer Round-table Zoom November 7 at 6:00pm

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Minutes September 5, 2023

Johnson County Democratic Party Meeting
September 5, 2023
Call to Order: Chair Greg Haas called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Agenda: There were no additions to the agenda.
Attendance: Greg Haas, Lois Petersen, Dudley Case, Sharon Case, Suzi Black, Vikki Chenette.
Secretary Report: The Minutes of August 1 were approved and will be entered into the record.
Treasurer Report: Dudley reported income and expenses for general and scholarship accounts as of 9/1/23, providing a Balance Sheet for filing.
Chair Announcements: Powder River Basin Resource Council requests public comment for the Bureau of Land Management's proposed bonding policy revisions.
Rodger McDaniel was guest speaker at SCDP's annual potluck picnic on 8/12.
RUN WYOMING provides training for potential candidates for elected office.
Old Business:
Lois reported on our Adopt-a-Highway clean-up scheduled for September 16th or 17th.
Having received notice from two different college Registrar offices that our 2023 William D. McIntyre scholarship recipients have enrolled, Dudley mailed each their $500.00 scholarship award checks. The Scholarship committee will meet soon to consider fund-raising for 2024 awards.
Usage is up at Friends Feeding Friends (FFF) mini food pantry maintained by JCDP volunteers sited at Cornerstone Pharmacy .
On 9/20 at 5:00 pm anyone can join in our turn to help FFF pack food bags for kids to use on weekends.
Strategic Plan work will continue following tonight's meeting.

Officers have access to our Strategic Plan Draft via Google Drive.

New **Business:**
Upcoming Meetings:
Comms Call on Tuesdays at 7:00pm CCC 11/7 at 6:00pm
County Officer Round-table Zoom October 11th
Our next meeting will be held October 3rd at 6:00pm.
Announcements from the floor:
Suzi attended a recent Food Forest event at Thorne Rider Park, Sheridan.
Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Minutes July 11, 2023

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Johnson County Democratic Party Meeting
July 11, 2023

Call to Order: Chair Greg Haas called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

Agenda: There were no additions to the agenda.

Attendance: Greg Haas, Mary Van Auken, Dudley Case, Sharon Case, Lois Petersen, Kim McCoy, Linda Wilson, Vikki Chenette.

Secretary Report: The Minutes of June 6th were corrected for a typo and will be entered into the record.

Treasurer Report: Dudley reported income and expenses for

general and scholarship accounts as of 7/1/23 and provided a printed Balance Sheet, adding that the June 17th event put us in good shape.

Announcements: The Strategic Plan Brainstorming Work session will commence right after adjournment. We will have a guest speaker at the next meeting.

Old Business:
Kim McCoy was appointed Precinct Committee Woman for Precinct 4-8.
Lois reported on the rescheduled Adopt-a-Highway clean-up along 16 West on June 10th. In spite of rain, 6 attended. Another clean-up will be scheduled in September.

About 100 people attended the 3rd annual Sheridan County/Johnson County Potluck Gathering on Saturday, June 17th at Kearney Community Hall. All agreed it was a successful, fun, event which provided opportunities to network, learn, engage, raise funds, and enjoy great food and music. A follow-up Zoom meeting was conducted on 6/23, with feed-back from this and participants noted for the future.

Linda, Suzi, and Lois continue to maintain the Friends Feeding Friends mini-pantry at the Cornerstone Pharmacy. Sponsor signage is under discussion.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Comms Call – Tuesdays 7:00pm
- County Officer Round-table Zoom July 12th
- CCC 8/1 at 6:00pm
- State Central Committee meeting 9/9 & 9/10, Newcastle.

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Minutes June 6, 2023

Johnson County Democratic Party
Meeting Minutes
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June 6, 2023
Bomber Mtn Civic Center, Room 108

Call to Order: Vice Chair Mary Van Auken called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Agenda: There were no additions to the agenda.

Attendance: Mary Van Auken, Dudley Case, Sharon Case, Lois Petersen, Kim McCoy, Vikki Chenette.

Secretary Report: The Minutes of May 2nd were accepted as published on the website.

Treasurer Report: Dudley reported income and expenses for both general and scholarship accounts as of 6/01/23 and provided a printed statement showing amounts received via Act Blue and other donations to the general account this past month. Some tickets for our joint June 17th event have been purchased online, with proceeds split evenly with Sheridan County Democrats.

Old Business: The William D. McIntyre Memorial Scholarship committee met on May 9th to make small revisions to the 2024 Guidelines, Rules, and Application. Dixie McIntyre will join the committee as an Honorary Member. It was decided not to hold a raffle as our fundraising has provided for next year's awards. Following discussion, a motion was made that raffle ticket stub date not be used for contacts and should be destroyed. Motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Lois reported on the rescheduled Adopt-a-Highway clean up along 16 West on June 10th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Meet at the picnic tables where the road widens on the left side as you head towards the mountain. Bags and vests will be provided, bring gloves and pick-up tools if you have any. Several people have said they are planning to attend.

Plans for the 3rd annual County/Johnson County Potluck Gathering, themed "HERE for GOOD" to be held Saturday, June 17th at Kearney Community Hall, were also shared by Lois. Volunteers still needed for some key tasks, live and silent auction donations, and getting the word out to everyone using a variety of media was emphasized. Vikki reported on the silent auction, and Lois stated David Myers from Sheridan will act as auctioneer for home-baked goods and other live auction donations.

Suzi, Lois, and Vikki have recently maintained the Friends Feeding Friends mini-pantry at the Cornerstone Pharmacy.

Topics at the recent State Central Committee meeting included Messaging, miniVan and Votebuilder, Goal-Setting, Under-35 Engagement, and Voter Registration.

New Business:
A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously that due to the July 4th holiday the next meeting date will be July 11th.

Adjourn
Mary adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Minutes May 2, 2023

Johnson County Democratic Party Meeting
May 2, 2023
Call to Order:
Greg Haas called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
Agenda:
There were no additions to the agenda.
Attendance:
Dudley Case, Sharon Case, Lois Petersen, Lorajane Kessler, Vikki Chenette, and Greg Haas.
Secretary Report:
The Minutes of April 4th were accepted as published on the website.
Treasurer Report:
Dudley reported income and expenses for both general and scholarship accounts, and informed us about current earnings for certificates of deposits at local banks. Lois moved with Dudley seconding that $1,000. be transferred from the scholarship account to a CD earning 4% interest for one year at First Northern Bank. The motion carred by unanimous vote. Chair Announcements:
Greg reported on a press release issued by the state party chair, upcoming release of a new WDP logo, the Comms Call at 7pm tonight, and
May 10th 6pm Roundtable State Central Committee Zoom Meeting.
Old Business:

Two William d. McIntyre Memorial Scholarship awards of $500.00 each will be awarded to Karcee Maya of Kaycee H.S. and Karina Mysse of Buffalo H.S. A third student was selected as runner-up should either student change their stated educational plans. Twelve students applied for the scholarship this first year. Nancy Mayer's ticket stub was drawn to win the raffle quilt on April 29th at the Kaycee Library. Dixie McIntyre will be invited to join the scholarship committee as an honorary member. The Chair thanked the committee members Dudley, Vikki, Lois, and Lorajane for their outstanding work establishing, fundraising, promoting, and conducting the scholarship awards.

Lois reported ongoing plans for the 3rd annual County/Johnson County Potluck Gathering, themed "HERE for GOOD" to be held Saturday, June 17th at Kearney Community Hall, with both counties represented on the planning committee. Many food, beverage, and decoration donations have been made already. She attended a recent event at the hall and heard their good new sound system. Focus is on getting the word out to all party members, independents, friends, and family and soliciting silent and live auction items highlighting baked goods, services, and unusual items. Lois made a motion that up to $400.00 be available for printed material expenses, Dudley seconded it and the motion passed.

Our Adopt-a-Highway clean up date, weather-permitting, is Sunday, May 14th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Lois will send out more information.

Friends Feeding Friends, no report.

New Business:

Greg has been hosting our website. Vikki moved that JCDP pay the $100.00 annual fee to shift our website over to a server owned by WDP going forward, seconded by Dudley. Motion carried.

Announcements from the Floor:

Upcoming Meetings:

State Central Committee, May 27th and 28th.

Johnson County Dems, June 6th at 6:00 pm.
Adjourn
Greg adjourned the meeting at 6:59 pm.

Minutes April 4, 2023

Johnson County Democratic Party Meeting
April 4, 2023
The meeting was conducted via Zoom

Call to Order:

Greg Haas called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed new officers in attendance.

Agenda:
There were no additions to the agenda.

Attendance:
Dudley Case, Lois Petersen, Vikki Chenette, and Greg Haas. Linda Wilson joined the meeting in-progress.

Secretary Report:
The Minutes of March 7th were reviewed and accepted as published on the website.

Treasurer Report:
Dudley said he received records from previous Treasurer Suzi, and he reported the general account and the scholarship account balances. Lois made a motion that pending confirmation that such changes are acceptable practices, Dudley may change our accounts to interest-bearing accounts. Linda seconded the motion, which

was approved by unanimous voice vote. Greg recommended that Vikki as new Secretary should be given the bank account login and password.

Chair Announcements:

Greg reported Casper Star Tribune is interested in doing an article about the new officers at the county level around the state.

Sheridan College in Johnson County will hold their annual scholarship benefit, Golf for Knowledge, on May 26th at 2:00pm.

Old Business:

Dudley, Sharon, Lois, Frank, and Greg will attend the rescheduled Nellie Tayloe Ross Dinner April 15th.

Dudley reported for the William D. McIntyre Scholarship Committee which has met to review applications received as of the March 31st deadline and will meet again April 11th. Fundraising has gone well and the quality and number of scholarship applications is high. Lois said she has been in touch with Dixie McIntyre, and she has agreed to pull the winning raffle ticket at the Kaycee Library at a date to be determined.

Lois reported on initial plans for the Sheridan County/Johnson County Gathering to be held Saturday, June 17th at Kearney Hall, with both counties represented on the planning committee. Lois asked Greg to investigate the required proof of insurance. Vikki made a motion for approval of $250.00 for the hall rental fee. Dudley seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote. Lois will fill out and return the rental agreement. Vikki asked everyone to save the date and tell friends as soon as possible.

Greg has obtained verification that Dudley can serve as both our treasurer and State Committeeman. Lois serves as our State Committeewoman. Lois moved that we elect Dudley Case as State

Committeeman. The motion was seconded by Linda and passed unanimously.

New Business:
None

Announcements from the Floor:
Lois reported on a request for public comment regarding a Sheridan County land exchange to go before the Office of State Lands.

Greg updated us on the lack of state comms director and encouraged the use of the slack channel.

Dudley mentioned we should have 32 precinct committee people but only have eight.

Upcoming Meetings:
County Officer Roundtable Zoom meetings, 2nd Wednesdays of the month, 6:00pm; communication options for all officers; trainings for secretaries and treasurers and fundraising topics coming up.

Adjourn
Greg adjourned the meeting at 6:59 pm.

Minutes March 7, 2023

Johnson County Democratic Party Central Committee Meeting
March 7, 2023
Bomber Mountain Civic Center, Room 108

Call to Order:

Greg Haas called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Attendance :

Kim McCoy, Suzi Black, Dudley Case, Sharon Case, Mary Van Auken, Lois Petersen, Kelli Roadifer, Linda Wilson, Greg Haas

Agenda:

Linda asked that JC-FFF report be added to Old Business.

Dudley made motion to accept agenda as amended. Suzi seconded motion. Motion passed.

Credentials:

Greg explained that, under the Bylaws and WY statute, precinct committee men and women are the only people who can vote in the election of officers. Officers cannot vote unless they are also precinct committeemen or women. All registered Democrats can make officer and state committeeman and woman nominations.

Voting members present are Greg Haas, Mary Van Auken, Dudley Case, Suzi Black, Lois Petersen and Linda Wilson. Mitch Black and Vikki Chenette are also voting members but are not present at the meeting.

Secretary Report:

The minutes were approved as written with one correction that Greg made online.

Treasurer Report:

Suzi reported that the amount of funds in the Scholarship account and the JC Dems general account.

Chair Announcements:

Nellie Tayloe Ross Event was postponed until April 15 and will be held in Cheyenne.

Hot Springs Mardi Gras was held in Thermopolis on February 19 at 4:00 pm. There was potluck Cajun food and Mayor Adam Estenson was the keynote speaker. The event was non-partisan and open to everyone. Greg said there was a really good positive atmosphere to the whole event. Kim Bartlett also spoke at the event. Only local issues were addressed at the event. The following week the GOP hosted a very negative event.

Legislative Update:

Greg said the 2023 legislative session is finally over. Voter registration deadlines will be earlier next year.

Kim said we should be proactive as far as legislative bills go rather than be reactive.

Old Business:

William D. McIntyre Scholarship Committee report – Dudley

Lois got almost a full-page ad into The Mini about the scholarship. And Vikki created a quilt flyer which will be displayed below her quilt in the library. The library staff will sell the raffle tickets and collect the money. The Quilt Show will run the entire month of March. Lois has already picked up $160 from the quilt raffle sales.

The committee has received two applications by mail. One from a student in Kaycee and one from a student in Buffalo.

The next committee meeting will be March 15 at 1:00 pm in the library. The application deadline is March 31 and the scholarship awards will be made on May 1.

JC-FFF report – Linda

Food will be distributed from JCFFF warehouse by JC Dems to mini Food Bank Box #5 at the Cornerstone Pharmacy. Sponsor signs will be put on each box.

JCDems is committed indefinitely to helping JC-FFF with food distribution to this box. This is a 1 to 2 times per week commitment.

New Business:

Officer Elections – Nominations and Votes:

Chair
    Suzi nominated Greg and Greg accepted. He was voted in by acclimation.
Vice Chair
    Lois nominated Mary and Mary accepted. She was voted in by acclimation.
Secretary
    Lois nominated Vikki and Greg said Vikki told Lois that she would accept the nomination. Vikki was voted in by acclimation.
Treasurer
    Lois nominated Dudley and he accepted. He was voted in by acclimation.
State Committeewoman
    Suzi nominated Lois and Lois accepted. She was voted in by acclimation.
State Committeeman
    There were no nominations. The position is vacant for now.

Greg said we need many more precinct committeemen and women for the County Central Committee.

Announcements from the Floor:

1. Lois talked to Danielle Arnoux (Chair, Sheridan) about a Sheridan Dems/JCDems event and she is agreeable to holding the event. Lois, Vikki and maybe Jim Shell have volunteered to help with the event. And Mary volunteered her daughter, Casey, to also help with the event.
   A date and location are still needed for the event. Maybe around Summer solstice or end of May. Vikki thinks they may be able to get the Fire Ants band.

2. Dudley said on April 6, 2022 JCDems had 372 members, but on March 4, 2023 we were down to 161 members. This is mainly due to JCDems switching parties to vote for Liz Cheney. Dudley suggested reaching out to these people and find out if they will rejoin JCDems. Kim suggested sending a letter to the people who changed parties asking them to reregister as Democrats. Greg is skeptical that spending much energy on those voters is wise at this juncture; they are less likely to become precinct committee people, for example.
3. Dudley said according to a Zoom meeting he attended, David Frum said Democrats had the best midterm election since the 1930s. The Dems held the Senate and also held all the state legislatures and governorships they did before the election. And Dems also picked up four state legislatures they didn't have before the election.
4. Greg thinks we need to get more Dems on the election ballot, and we need to be more welcoming to people to get them to participate in JCDems.
5. Greg mentioned needing a club for electioneering and finding candidates in the next few months.
6. Kim thought that CCC meetings should be announced in the County Bounty. She will check on how much it costs to do an announcement.

Upcoming Meetings:

Next Monthly JCDems CCC Meeting – April 4, 2023 at 6:00 pm in Room 108.

All County Officer Round Table – Zoom – March 23, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

State Central Committee (SCC) Meeting on April 16, 2023 in person in Cheyenne

Nellie Tayloe Ross Banquet & Trainings – April 15, 2023 in person in Cheyenne

Suzi mentioned a Friends of the Library book sale March 23 thru March 25, 2023

SCC meetings will be at the end of May and early in September

Adjourn:6:54 pm