Minutes February 7, 2023

Call to Order:

Greg Haas called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Agenda:

Vikki asked that a Scholarship Committee Report be added to the agenda, and Greg did this.

Attendance :

Kim McCoy, Jim Shell, Vikki Chenette, Lois Petersen, Suzi Black, Dudley Case, Sharon Case, Lorajane Kessler, Mary Van Auken, Greg Haas

Secretary Report:

Greg mentioned one correction that he would make to the minutes online about the Blue Bison Event. Other than this change, the minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer Report:

Suzi reported that the amounts in the Scholarship account the JC Dems general account.

Chair Announcements:

1. There has been a changeover in WDP staff. Ryan Greene is the new Executive Director, Erin O'Doherty is still the Data Director, Rachel Leger is the new Deputy Director, and Greg Haas is the new Organizing Director.
2. Artemis Langford is now sending out legislative update newsletters by email to keep Wyoming Democrats apprised of what is going on in Cheyenne.

3. JCDems should also be checking Slack for legislative updates. Greg has started a “county-party-leadership” site on Slack.
4. Better Wyoming has a training session on how to navigate and find information on the Wyoming Legislature’s website.
5. Greg is hosting legislative update meetings on Zoom. The next meeting is tomorrow, February 8 at 3:00 pm. Greg will send out an email with the Zoom link. Also check Slack for meeting Zoom links.

Old Business:

1. Adopt-a-Highway – Lois

   The location of this site has been changed from I-90 to Highway 16 West near the Veteran’s Home property and covers a two mile stretch of the highway on both sides of the highway.

   Two pickups per year are required. One is the Spring and one in the Fall.

   A social event after the cleanup will take place, such as a picnic.

2. Lunch

   JCDems will continue to explore the possibility of luncheons from the late Spring to early Fall.

New Business:

1. Legislative Actions – Greg

   Greg proposed that a few people from JCDems should follow our State Rep. Barry Crago and our State Senator Dave Kinskey's day-to-day involvement with current legislation being considered in the Wyoming House and Senate. Basically, to track their committee work, floor work and voting records on various bills of concern to Democrats. Suzi volunteered to help with this.

Announcements from the Floor

Outreach

Vikki said we should start an outreach to the Sheridan County Democrats about holding a joint social event with them this year. Lois said she would contact the Sheridan Dems.

Scholarship Committee Report

Dudley mentioned that the committee decided that it would like to give two five hundred-dollar scholarships this year. Vikki volunteered to talk to Michelle Dahlberg, a high school counselor, about the scholarships. Lois and Lorajane were going to talk to Greg about some small changes to the Scholarship website.

Vikki then explained that the library director was willing to display Vikki's sunflower quilt at the upcoming quilt display at the library and the librarians would sell raffle tickets and collect money for the quilt during the quilt display.

The next Scholarship Committee meeting will be on

Wednesday, February 15 at 11:00 am at the library in Study Room C.3.

Sergio Maldonado

Suzi read the thank you card that JCDems received from Sergio Maldonado for our donation to his campaign. Greg mentioned that Sergio is writing a book about his experiences running for office.

Abortion Bill

Lois said the abortion bill will probably pass in the legislature, so it would be a good idea for people to write the Governor about their opposition to the bill.

Upcoming Meetings

1. Legislative updates meetings will be held on Mondays at 6:00pm and Wednesdays at 3:00 pm on Zoom. Greg will host meetings. See Chair Announcements above.
2. Hot Springs Mardi Gras Celebration – February 19,2023
   This event will be held from 4 to 6 pm at the Community Federated Church Community Hall in Thermopolis. No alcohol will. be allowed.

3. Nellie Tayloe Ross – February 25, 2023
   This event is being held in Cheyenne and Lois and Frank will be attending the event.Lois also mentioned that the event coordinators are looking for auction items. So please consider donating auction items. Lois will take any auction items to Cheyenne when she and Frank go.

4. JCDems Reorganization & Monthly Meeting – March 7, 2023
   The elections will be held at 6:00 pm followed by the monthly meeting. Dudley will handle Credentials Committee duties.

   Greg mentioned that Suzi is stepping down as Treasurer and that Dudley is interested in stepping down as Secretary and running for Treasurer. So, the Secretary's position will be open and so will the State Committeeman position which had previously been held by Bill McIntyre. Greg said he will run again for the Chair position, and Vikki said she would be interested in the Secretary position.

5. Reversing Roe
   Empower Sheridan will be holding a free screening of Reversing Roe, a 2018 American documentary film, on Saturday, February 25 at 2:00 pm in the Thorne-Rider Campus Center at Sheridan College. There will also be a moderated post-film discussion. This event is open to everyone.

6. JCDems Clubs
   Greg talked about the possibility of starting a couple of JCDems Club such as a lunch club, book club, candidate search club, etc. with the goals of building community among Democrats, raising money and helping get people elected. Greg will hold a post-meeting discussion about this topic.

Adjourn

Greg adjourned the meeting at 6:59 pm.

Minutes January 4, 2023

Johnson County Democratic Party Meeting

January 4, 2023

Bomber Mountain Civic Center, Room 108

Call to Order:

Greg Haas called the meeting to order at 6:14 pm.

Attendance :

Greg Haas, Mary Van Auken, Vikki Chenette, Suzi Black, Dudley Case, Sharon Case, Lois Petersen, Linda Wilson

Secretary Report:

No changes to the minutes were suggested and minutes from December 6, 2022 were approved.

Treasurer Report:

Suzi reported the amounts in the Scholarship account and the JC Dems General account.

Chair Announcements – Greg

WDP Activities:

David Martin is no longer an employee of WDP.

WDP Secretary (Mandy) will take on social media job.

Greg has interviewed for the WDP Executive Director position. A second round of interviews will be held next

week.

Greg will be helping with organizing 2 of the 3 dark counties in Wyoming – Sublette and Weston Counties.

Erin O'Doherty got the new state voter list today.

The Democratic voter registration went down before the primary election but has gone back up since the election.

Nellie Tayloe Ross Dinner Event will be held on February 25 and 26 in Cheyenne.

Blue Bison Event will be held on May 27 and 28 in Riverton.

End of Summer Event will be held September 9 and 10 in Newcastle.

Women's Caucus Meeting will be held tonight at 7:30 pm.

Old Business:

1. Newsletter – Lois

Eleven newsletters were returned as undeliverable.

$120 was spent on stamps and $26 on copying.

Everyone thanked Lois for all her work on the newsletter.

2. Adopt-a-Highway – Lois

Lois has the safety vests and trash bags.

The location will most likely be just north of Buffalo on I-90 around the Lake DeSmet area.

JC Dems will get a sign after 2 cleanups are done.

3. Precinct Committee People – Greg

We still need to sign up more people.

4. JC Dems Lunch – Greg

Jim Shell is apparently interested in organizing lunches like we had last year. Previous lunches were held at the golf course and Bozeman restaurants.

New Business:

1. JC-FFF (Johnson County Friends Feeding Friends) – Linda

This organization bags food every Wednesday.

The group decided to sign up to help on September 20 at 5:30pm in the basement of the dentist's office.

JC-FFF also holds a 0.5K race in June.

2. JC Dems Office Elections – Greg

County party elections are held in March and state party elections are held in April.

It was decided to hold our next election on Tuesday, March 7 at 6:00 pm. The regular March meeting will be held at 7:00 pm.

Greg is throwing his hat into the ring for County Chair again and Suzi has indicated she would like to step down as Treasurer.

3. Phone banking for Weston and Sublette Counties – Greg

Greg needs help calling Democrats in those counties to help set up a Democratic Party in each county.

4. Appreciation for Meeting Space – Greg

Vikki made a motion to donate $100 to Sheridan College's Golf for Knowledge to show our appreciation for the college letting us use a room for our JC Dems monthly meetings. Lois seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Announcements from the Floor:

None

Upcoming Meetings:

Suzi made a motion to hold the JC Dems monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm rather than 7:00 pm. Mary seconded the motion. Motion passed.

WDP is selling tables at the Nellie Tayloe Ross Dinner at a discounted price. And there will be on online auction and buyers will pay for shipping if they do not attend the event or Greg can picking up winning bids for any of our members who do not attend the event.

The Scholarship Committee has decided to meet on Wednesday, January 18 at 11:00 am in the Johnson County Library.

For other meetings see Chair Announcements above.

Adjourn:

Greg adjourned meeting at 7:30 pm.

Minutes December 6, 2022

Johnson County Democratic Party Meeting

December 6, 2022

Bomber Mountain Civic Center, Room 108

Call to Order:

Greg Haas called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Attendance :

Greg Haas, Suzi Black, Mitch Black, Dudley Case, Sharon Case, Lois Petersen, Linda Wilson, Mary Van Auken

Secretary Report:

No changes to the minutes were suggested and minutes from November 2, 2022 were approved.

Treasurer Report:

Suzi reported on the Scholarship account and on the JC Dems general account.

Chair Announcements/Reports:

1. Campaign Finance Reports – 2022

Greg has put these Johnson County and Buffalo reports on the JC Dems website. Greg reviewed a few of the reports that reported contributions and expenditures.

2. WDP Activities:

a. Sarah Hunt is resigning as Executive Director of WDP. She will be working until the second week of January.

b. In Uinta County all the Democratic officers changed their party affiliation in the last election and thus all lost their party officer positions. They are holding elections on December 7 for new, temporary officers until March.

c. Election debriefings – Greg lead 2 of the 4 debriefings. Many said that the election preparations must start earlier. There is another gathering tentatively scheduled for election debriefing on December 17.

d. The Nellie Tayloe Ross Dinner will be held on February 25 in Cheyenne. Tickets will be available starting in January.

Old Business:

1. Thank you cards and Sept. 5 picnic follow-up

Greg handed out a sheet with three sample messages.

Greg said he would like to get a list of members who were invited to the picnic and the results of those invitations.

2. Adopt-a-Highway

Lois gave a report and continues to gather information about this project.

Lois would like to get a location to clean up that is near Buffalo or between Buffalo and Sheridan. Some suggestions were made about locations.

New Business:

1. Railroad Workers

Greg felt that JC Dems should take a position in favor of paid sick leave for the railroad workers. But no one made a motion to that effect, so the issue was dropped.

2. Phone banking tool

Greg briefly explained what this tool can do.

Announcement from the Floor:

1. JC Dems Newsletter

Lois handed out a sample JC Dems newsletter that she and Vikki Chenette had created. Lois asked for feedback on the sample newsletter. The newsletter was well received.

Linda made a motion to send out the newsletter with any necessary corrections and adjustments to the members using the new December 9, 2022 members list from WDP. Suzi seconded the motion. After some discussion the motion passed.

Lois made a motion that JC Dems spend up to $300 on mailing of the newsletter. Linda seconded the motion. After some discussion the motion passed.

Greg said he will get the new members list from Erin O’Doherty.

2. Linda Shell

Sharon mentioned that Linda Shell had recently had knee surgery and a pacemaker put in. Lois volunteered to send out a get-well card to Linda.

3. Johnson County School District

Dudley asked if anyone knew a staff members or school

board members who might help get green energy projects into the schools. If so, please contact Dudley. The Sheridan Area Resource Council and the Powder River Basin Resource Council are looking into this issue up in Sheridan and here in Johnson County.

Upcoming Meetings:

The next JC Dems meeting will be on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 7:00 pm in Room 108 of the Bomber Mountain Civic Center.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Minutes November 2, 2022

Johnson County Democratic Party Meeting
November 2, 2022
Bomber Mountain Civic Center, Room 108

Call to Order:
Greg Haas called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Attendance:
Greg Haas, Suzi Black, Mitch Black, Vikki Chenette, Dudley Case, Sharon Case, Lois Petersen, Casey Meyers, Mary Van Auken

Secretary Report:
No changes to the minutes were suggested and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report:

- Suzi reported the total amounts in the JC Dems' general account and in the scholarship account.
- The monies appropriated for the various political campaigns at the October meeting have been sent out to the campaigns.
- Vikki announced that she has received two more donations for quilt raffle in the amounts of $60 and $20, which she gave to the Suzi at this meeting.

Chair Announcements:

JC Dems is required to submit financial reports to the Secretary of State three times a year, and donations to the scholarship fund are considered donations to the JC Dems since the scholarship fund is not part of a separate organization.

JC Dems has received thank you cards from Martha Wright, Kim Bartlett and Hank Szramkowski for our donations to their campaigns.

There will be an ad in this week's Buffalo Bulletin for Lynnette Greybull's campaign.

It was decided not to send out campaign postcards due to the election date being next week. Postcards might not arrive in the mail until after the election was over.

The Wyoming Democratic Party (WDP) is making a big effort to get out the vote (GOTV) and canvass before the election. As a result of this effort it was discovered that there were a lot of wrong addresses and phone numbers in the voter lists, so this is being corrected.

WDP has a texting system which costs $95 to join and Greg paid this cost and is setting up this system for the JC Dems. Greg offered to train anyone who wants to help out

with texting voters.

Minivan and phone banking are also available to help reach voters.

The WDP has voter outreach to three Wyoming counties which have no Democratic leadership.

The Greybull and Labeau campaigns are renting vans to pick up and drive voters on the Wind River Reservation to the polls.

The WDP is also starting to work on the Spring Democratic state and county elections.

Old Business:
Mary will send out thank you cards to the people who have donated to the scholarship fund.

Greg said we need to follow up with the people who attended the September 5 picnic and encourage them to buy a quilt raffle ticket for the scholarship fund if they haven't done so already.

Lois will send Greg a list of picnic attendees so we can contact those who did not attend the picnic. Vikki, Lois and Greg will work on creating a script that can be used when contacting these members.

New Business:

1. GOTV will use phone banking. Greg joined Martha Wright when she was canvassing for her election. Suzi is calling members of her precinct.
2. Greg is setting up two texting training sessions for the WDP.
3. Greg asked if anyone wanted to be a poll watcher at

next Tuesday’s election. Each party trains its poll watchers.

4. **Adopt-a-Highway – Lois**

   Lois suggested that JC Dems adopt-a-highway. This program requires trash to be picked up along a two mile stretch of highway for two years twice each year. WYDOT would also put up a Johnson County Democratic Party sign along this stretch of highway.

   Greg made a motion for the JC Dems to adopt-a-highway. Vikki seconded the motion. Motion passed.

   Lois will follow up with the Sheridan County Democratic Party to see how they set up their stretch of highway with WYDOT.

5. The Buffalo Pathfinders will hold a 5K walk on November 25 starting at 8 am at the Super 8.
6. Margo’s Pottery & Fine Crafts is having music on Friday nights.
7. The hospital is having an open house on November 16 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm.
8. The Steel Drum Band has practices on Tuesday nights at 6:30 pm in the Congregational Church.
9. Powder River Basin Resource Council’s Annual Meeting is on Saturday, November 5 at 2:00 pm in the Ramada Inn in Sheridan.
10. Greg suggested creating a JC Dems quarterly newsletter that would cost $500.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00 pm in Room 108 of the Bomber Mountain Civic Center. Greg asked members to think about whether or not they wanted to change the day and time of

monthly meetings.

Adjournment:
Greg adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Minutes October 4, 2022

Johnson County Democratic Party Meeting
October 4, 2022
Bomber Mountain Civic Center, Room 108

Call to Order
Greg Haas called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Attendance
Greg Haas, Suzi Black, Vikki Chenette, Dudley Case, Sharon Case, Lois Petersen, Casey Meyers, Mary Van Auken

Secretary Report
No changes to the minutes were suggested and minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report
Suzi Black reported the amount of money taken in at the Tri-County Labor Day Picnic, and she also reported on the balances in the JC Dems General account and Scholarship account.

Dudley Case paid for the Scholarship ad in the Buffalo Bulletin, which was $270 and also paid for the two ads in The Mini, which was $130.

Mary Van Auken volunteered to write and send thank you notes to the Scholarship donors.

Old Business

1. Tri County Labor Day Picnic – Lois Petersen
   Over 100 people attended the picnic and due to all the clean-up work after the picnic we got our $360 deposit back.
   Four Democratic candidates attended and spoke at the picnic: Sergio Maldonado, Mark Hansen, Martha Wright, and Theresa Livingston.
2. Democratic Party Adopt-A-Highway Sign – Lois Petersen
   This will be discussed at the November meeting
3. SCC Review – Lois Petersen
    1. State candidates are getting a lot of help from the WDP.
    2. Democrats who switched party affiliations during the election to vote for Liz Cheney need to switch their party affiliation back, especially precinct committee men and women since they lost their positions when they switched parties.
    3. Joe Barbuto, WDP Chair, spoke about women's reproductive rights.
    4. There is a Rural Initiative to help get Democrats better organized in rural areas, since Democrats have not been doing well recently in rural areas.
    5. Democrats should practice under voting if you

know the people you want to vote for.

New Business

Johnson County VAN Precinct Lists – Dudley Case

Before the August meeting Dudley ran the list of Democrats in each precinct and then distributed the lists to people at the meeting so they could make calls to encourage people to attend the Tri-County Labor Day Picnic and to also try to get people's email addresses. The VAN lists only have a person's physical address and phone number.

Getting to Work – Greg Haas

1. Greg wanted to brainstorm on how to get more precinct committee people candidates on the ballot. One idea Greg had was to pick a precinct which has no committee people and set up an event for the precinct members and try and recruit a precinct committee man and woman.
2. We also need to follow up with people who attended the Tri-County Event and with people who could not attend the event about purchasing raffle tickets for the quilt and helping candidates. We could follow up with them using the VAN lists and the list of attendees.
3. We also need to help candidates by writing postcards, **sharing** their webpages and facebook posts, making donations to their campaigns, helping them canvass or talking up their campaigns with voters.
4. Vikki Chenette moved that the JCDems donate $100 to Martha Wright's and Mark Hansen's campaigns, and donate $50 to Jen Solis's, Stephen Latham's, Kim Bartlett's and Hank Szramkowski's campaigns. Mary Van Auken seconded the motion. After some discussion the motion passed.

5. Vikki Chenette moved that the JCDems should make donations to Sergio Maldonado’s and Lynette Greybull’s campaigns. Mary Van Auken seconded the motion. After some discussion the motion passed.
6. Suzi Black moved that the JCDems should donate $250 to Sergio’s campaign. Lois Petersen seconded the motion. After some discussion the motion passed.
7. Suzi Black moved that the JCDems should contribute $100 toward an ad in the Buffalo Bulletin for the Greybull campaign if they want to run an ad in the newspaper. Vikki Chenette seconded the motion. After some discussion the motion passed.

Announcements from the Floor

1. Tara Nethercott’s name could be written in as a candidate for Secretary of State.
2. Mary Throne’s name could be written in as a candidate governor.
3. There is a Candidate Forum at the Johnson County Public Library on Wednesday, October 5 at 5:30 pm which will feature City Council and Rural Healthcare District candidates. And on Thursday, October 6 at 5:30 pm there is a Candidates Forum for Cemetery District and JCSD1 School Board candidates.
4. Vikki Chenette will be selling Quilt Raffle tickets for the Scholarship Fund until May 1, 2023.
5. Greg Haas said he is hearing good things about JCDems hard work from various people around the state, including WDP.
6. Mary Van Auken said she has a lot of Democratic postcards that we can use.
7. Greg Haas asked for volunteers to go to meetings for the City of Buffalo, Johnson County, the School District, etc. and report back to the JCDems.

Upcoming Meetings
The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 1 at 7:00 pm in Room 108 at the Bomber Mountain Civic Center.

Adjourn
Greg adjourned the meeting at 8:53 pm.

Minutes August 2, 2022

Johnson County Democratic Party
August 2, 2022 7:00PM
Bomber Mtn Civic Center, Rm 108

Call to Order:

Greg Haas called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Attendance:

Greg Haas, Suzi Black, Dudley Case, Sharon Case, Linda Wilson, Lois Petersen, Lynn Gordon, Mary Van Auken, Vikki Chenette, Jim Shell

Secretary Report:

Lois Petersen moved to approve the July 5, 20022 minutes. Mary Van Auken seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report:

Suzi Black reported the balances of the general account and the Scholarship account.

Greg is asking for reimbursement for one-half of his expenses for attending the Democratic State Central Committee meeting. Lois Petersen made a motion to reimburse Greg Haas for one-half of his expenses. Linda Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chair Announcements

1. Greg Haas sent out invitations to all WDP leadership (officers and precinct committeemen and women) asking them to start using Slack when sending out information. Slack is a grass roots way to organize. He is asking that information about the Democratic Tri County Event on Labor Day be sent out using Slack.
2. Greg next talked about Rep'd, which is a website where visitors can ask questions and video answers are provided to popular questions. The website is: https://repd.us/wyoming
3. Greg also mentioned that the texting program available to the WDP coordinated campaign candidates started today.
4. Linda Wilson handed out a sheet entitled Wyoming Democratic Party Platform – Talking Points 2022. This sheet can be used as a guide on issues when talking to Democratic precinct members. The five talking point areas are: Fairness & Equality, Good Government Practices, Fair Voting and Accurate Elections, Quality Healthcare, and Quality Education.

Committee Announcements:

Scholarship Committee – Dudley Case

The scholarship committee met last Friday, reviewed and made some changes to the Press Release which will be given to the Buffalo Bulletin and Mini. The committee also

reviewed and made some changes to Information and Guidelines for School Counselors sheet, which will be used as a cover sheet for the Scholarship Application being given to the counselors. Finally, the committee reviewed and made some changes to the scholarship documents (Application, Scholarship Committee Guidelines and Rules, Roster of Scholarship Committee Members for School Year ending 2022, and Donation Form). Dudley reviewed these changes with the group and asked for a motion to approve these changes. Vikki Chenette moved to approve all the changes and Mary Van Auken seconded the motion. Motion passed.

It was mentioned that Kaycee H.S. does not yet have counselors for the 2022-23 school year.

Greg Haas had to leave the meeting to get to Riverton for a WDP event, and he turned over the running of the meeting to the Vice Chair, Mary Van Auken.

Old Business:

Tri-County Democratic Labor Day Picnic – September 5 – Lois Petersen

This event will include Democrats, family and friends from Johnson, Sheridan and Campbell Counties and will be held at the Cowboy Carousel in Buffalo from Noon to 3 pm. Donations of $10 per meal are being asked. The cost of the venue was shared. Attendees are being asked to bring a salad or side dish. The meal will be a picnic buffet lunch and drinks. Democratic educational material will be available on tables.

An auction or raffle will be held so Lois is requesting that people donate items for this event. Lois would like

to see any monies collected in excess of the event expenses donated to the JCDems William D. McIntyre Memorial Scholarship.

Volunteers are needed for set up, decorating, cleaning tables and chairs, kitchen duties, and clean up. Lois passed around a volunteer sign-up sheet. Plates and silverware (non-paper, eco-friendly) are also needed.

There will be activities and games for adults and children. And there will also be voter registration. There will be no cash bar and probably no movies. There will be a JC Dems P.A. system available. And there may also be music if a few volunteers can be rounded up.

Suzi Black made a motion to approve $400 to be spent on this Tri County Democratic Labor Day Picnic. Linda Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Business:

1. Johnson County VAN Precinct Lists – Dudley Case
   Yesterday Dudley ran the VAN Democratic voter lists for all 16 precincts in Johnson County. There are 324 registered Democrats in the County, 201 in the incorporated precincts and 123 in the unincorporated precincts. Suzi Black, Lois Petersen, Vikki Chenette, Jim Shell, Linda Wilson, and Mary Van Auken volunteered to take their precinct's list and call members about the Labor Day event. Dudley gave the remaining precinct lists to Lois to be used in connection with the Tri County Labor Day Picnic.

2. JC Dems t-shirts – Vikki Chenette
   Vikki suggested that we may need to purchase 15

small, 15 medium, 15 large, 14 x-large and 2 2x-large t-shirts. Suzi Black suggested taking orders at the Tri County Labor Day Picnic for t-shirts if we run out of t-shirts. Everyone thought this was a good idea.

Announcements:

None

Next Meeting:

Suzi Black moved to skip the September meeting. Lois Petersen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Adjournment:

Mary Van Auken adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Minutes July 5, 2022

Johnson County Democratic Party
Business Meeting
July 5, 2022

Call to Order:

Greg Haas called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Attendance:

Greg Haas, Mitch Black, Suzi Black, Lois Petersen, Dudley Case, Sharon Case, Vikki Chenette, Mary Van Auken, Jim Shell, Linda Wilson

Secretary Report:

Minutes from June 7, 2022 meeting were approved.

Treasurer Report:

Suzi Black reported the balances in the general and the Scholarship accounts.

Chair Announcements:

Greg Haas announced that the Wyoming Democratic Party has hired him as the new Rural Organizing and Voter Registration Director. Greg said much of his work helping campaigns will come after the primary election. Voter registration through the entire tenure.

Greg also announced that he and Myra Camino will be running as write-in candidates for the Buffalo City Council.

Old Business:

Greg Haas announced that he has finished setting up the online donation site for the James D. McIntyre Memorial Scholarship using Stripe.com.

Greg also announced that after some research by him and Dudley Case is was determined that the Wyoming Democratic Party and JC Dems are special organizations under Wyoming law and that these two entities only need to file financial statements with the Wyoming Secretary of State.

Greg stated that there is nothing new happening with the position paper, and that instead of doing a position paper he will probably just use a shorter version of the new Democratic state platform. This will then be used to help

recruit precinct committee men and women.

Lois Petersen volunteered to be on the JCDems Platform Committee.

New Business:

Guest Speaker:

Greg Haas introduced the guest speaker, Kim Bartlett, who is running in the primary election as a candidate for representative in House District 28 in Hot Springs County.

Kim is running on five main issues: Medicaid expansion, freezing property taxes for seniors, job growth/economic diversification, education and equality.

Kim lives in Thermopolis and is a small business owner running a native landscaping company. She and her husband are also master Gardeners.

She said she would welcome any help that the JC Dems can give to her campaign.

She also mentioned that Erin O'Doherty is running a zoom training session for candidates on July 16.

Sergio Maldonado is running in the primary election for Superintendent of Public Instruction and is a very good candidate for this state position.

Upcoming events:

After much discussion about having a social event around Labor Day that would include Democrats from Johnson, Sheridan and Campbell Counties, Suzi Black made a motion to have one social event around Labor Day that would include Democrats from Johnson, Sheridan and Campbell

Counties. Vikki Chenette seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Lois Petersen will be the contact person for this event and she will follow up with Kris Korfanta from the Sheridan County Democrats.

Announcements from the Floor:

It was announced that there will be at least four write-in candidates for the Buffalo City Council: Mike Madden, Jody Sauers, Greg Haas and Myra Camino.

Upcoming Meetings:

JC Dems next monthly meeting will be Tuesday, August 2 at 7:00 pm in Room 108 at the Bomber Mountain Civic Center.

Adjourn:

Greg Haas adjourned the meeting at 8:28 pm.

Minutes June 7, 2022

Johnson County Democratic Party Minutes
June 7, 2022
Bomber Mountain Community Center

In attendance:
Gregory Haas, Lois Petersen, Jim Shell, Kate Sherwood, Suzi and Mitch Black, Lynn Gordon.

Call to order:
Greg Haas called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Everyone reaffirmed their allegiance to the flag and republic.

Minutes

from the May 3rd meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer Report:

Suzi Black reported the current checking account balances for the general fund and the Scholarship Fund. Motion was made by Lois, seconded by Kate to authorize Suzi to spend up to $20 to purchase a new case to use for treasurer business. Motion approved.

Chair Announcements:

Greg announced that Myra Camino is running for City Council as a write-in candidate.

Old Business:

The scholarship website is up and running and Greg provided a demo of its use.

State Convention in Rock Springs – June 11-12, 2022

- At present, delegates planning to attend the convention are Greg Haas, Lois Petersen, and Mary Van Auken.
- A motion was made by Lois and seconded by Mitch to pay up to $300 out of our current budget toward convention costs, if needed, in order to support the attendance of our Chair and Vice Chair. Motion approved.

Position Paper:

- Greg presented the start of a draft aimed at pairing down the details of our county platform in an effort to create talking points for use in a handout. He will be sending his draft out for input from others.

New Business:

There was further discussion of ‘fun events’ we would like to consider sponsoring in the upcoming year including Lunch Forums, as introduced last year by Bill McIntyre, a Labor Day picnic in the park that Vikki Chenette will be looking into, and a shared event with Sheridan County Dems that Lois is exploring.

Other announcements:

Lois called attention to the fact that Vickie Edelman is not running to keep her seat as County Clerk and commended her for fine work on County Elections.

Next Meeting:

Tues., July 5th at 7 pm at Bomber Mountain Community Center

Meeting adjourned at 8:01.

Minutes May 3, 2022

Johnson County Democratic Party
Business Meeting
May 3, 2022

Call to Order:

Greg Haas called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Attendance:

Greg Haas, Mitch Black, Suzi Black, Pat Barndt, Lois Petersen, Dudley Case, Sharon Case, Vikki Chenette,

Shirley Gorman, Ernest Champlin, Lynda Champlin, Mary Van Auken, Mary Carlson

Chair Announcements:

Greg Haas asked people to introduce themselves, since there were a number of new attendees.

Greg then read the thank you card the JCDems received from the Hoofprints of the Past Museum for the JC Dems $350 donation to the museum in memory of Bill McIntyre.

Greg also brought attention to the April 28th Guest Columnist article in the Buffalo Bulletin by Cale Case, in which he opposes the Republican politics of hate and disparagement. He encourages moderate Republicans to run as precinct committee men and women and for public office.

And finally, Greg mentioned that Nina, the Communications Director in the Wyoming Democratic Party, has apparently taken employment elsewhere and he has not heard if the WDP will be opening that position.

Secretary Report:

Greg Haas asked if there were any changes to be made to the April 5 meeting minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were entered into the record.

Treasurer's Report:

Suzi Black reported the balance currently in the bank account, the dollar amount of donations over the past month, which are earmarked for the William D. McIntyre Memorial Scholarship.

There was an invoiced, as yet unpaid, for three ads placed

in the Buffalo Bulletin for the County Convention. Suzi reported the cost of each and the total due.

Suzi also reported the cost of the room rented at the Buffalo Senior Center for the County Convention.

Old Business:

JCDems County Convention Review by Greg Haas, Convention Chair

There were 13 Johnson County Democrats who participated in the convention. The convention voted to have 5 delegates participate in the State Convention. Greg will send the delegates' contact information to the state party. The delegates are Lois Petersen, Mary Van Auken, Mary Carlson, Kathleen (Kate) Sherwood and Greg Haas.

The convention also voted to incorporate some changes into the JC Dems Platform, and these changes will be made by the Platform Committee and posted on the JC Dems website.

And finally, the convention voted to proceed with the William D. McIntyre Memorial Scholarship, to use the scholarship documents presented at the convention, to begin scholarship fundraising and to create any press releases necessary to the operation of the scholarship. As a side note, Greg stated that the scholarship was intended, at some point, to be expanded into adult education.

Greg also mentioned that he has started putting the scholarship documents onto the website, except for the Scholarship Committee Guidelines and Rules, which will remain an internal document and not be publicly displayed on the website. Greg will also send out the press release

announcing the scholarship as soon as the website is ready, hopefully this week.

Lois Petersen will also get the finalized scholarship documents to Dixie McIntyre as soon as she can.

New Business:

Planning:

Greg Haas said he would like to start doing some social events planning for the rest of this year in order to help get more Democrats to participate in the party and he asked for suggestions for social events.

Vikki Chenette suggested a Labor Day Picnic.

It was suggested the luncheons that Bill McIntyre had started somehow continue.

Lois mentioned perhaps having another joint event at Kearney Hall with the JCDems and the Sheridan County Democrats.

Lynda Champlin then asked what the responsibilities of a precinct committee person were. Greg explained that the Democratic Party organization starts at the neighborhood level by organizing counties into precincts. He also explained that there should be both a precinct committee man and woman for each precinct. And that they represent and vote on matters for their precinct members at the JCDems monthly meetings and also vote for county party officers at election time. In the past they would also keep their precinct members informed of JC Dems meetings and events, but now that is being done mostly by emails to members who are on the listserv and by means of Facebook and Twitter. Precinct committee men and women are also

listed on the county election ballot and voted on there. If there are not two precinct committee people for each precinct then the county chair can appoint precinct committee men and women.

Announcements from the Floor:

Suzi Black said that since she is setting up a separate bank account for the scholarship that she will need to have three signatories on the account and that any check written on the account will need two signatures. It was suggested that since the Party Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are the signatories on the JCDems bank account that they also be the signatories on the scholarship bank account. Everyone seemed to be in agreement on this suggestion, so she will set it up that way.

Upcoming Meetings:

The next JCDems monthly meeting will be held on June 7 in Room 108 of the Bomber Mountain Civic Center. The Party Chair may not be at this meeting and the Secretary will not be at this meeting. Lois Petersen has graciously consented to filling in for the Secretary at this meeting.

The Wyoming Democratic Party’s State Convention will be held in Rock Springs on Friday, June 10 and Saturday, June 11, with the possibility that the convention may also extend into Sunday, June 12 if it can’t be finished on Saturday.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Minutes March 1, 2022

Johnson County Democratic Party
Monthly Meeting
March 1, 2022

Call to Order:

Greg Haas called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm by Greg Haas, Chair.

Attendance in person: Greg Haas, Jim Shell, Suzi Black, Sharon Case, Dudley Case, Mary Van Auken, Kay McCormick, Lorajane Kessler, John Sherwood, Kate Sherwood, Linda Wilson, Lois Petersen, Vikki Chenette

Secretary Report:

Lois Petersen made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 1 meeting and Suzi Black seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report:

Suzi Black reported the checkbook balance and the amount that is earmarked for flowers for William McIntyre's funeral and for the William D. McIntyre Memorial Scholarship fund.

Chair Announcements:

Greg Haas did not have any chair announcements.

Modification of the Agenda:

Greg Haas announced that in order to finish the meeting by 7:00 pm, so that members could get home to watch the State of the Union Address, he was going to put off until the next meeting the following agenda items:

1. Chamber of Commerce – Lois Petersen
2. Platform/Position Paper – Greg Haas
3. Tourism Association is hiring

Greg asked if anyone objected to this change in the agenda. No one objected.

William D. McIntyre Memorial Scholarship:

Greg Haas said he talked to Bill's wife, Dixie, on the phone and she said there was a lot of animosity towards Democrats in Kaycee and that she didn't want a scholarship recipient to have that animosity directed towards a student for applying for and receiving a scholarship sponsored by the Democrats. As a result of his conversation with Dixie he said there are three possible options to take with respect to the scholarship.

1. Make a donation to the Hoof Prints of the Past Museum in Kaycee of the $350 we have in the treasury, since Bill McIntyre was very active in this museum.
2. Have a scholarship sponsored by the Johnson County Democrats that would not use William D. McIntyre's name.
3. Set up an organization independent from the Johnson County Democratic Party to organize and operate the William D. McIntyre Memorial Scholarship.

Suzi Black made a motion to have the JC Dems donate $350 to the Hoof Prints of the Past Museum in Kaycee in Bill's name and set up a scholarship committee to work on organizing and operating the scholarship fund. Vikki Chenette seconded the motion. After some discussion the motion passed unanimously. Dudley Case said that he has an inactive non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation that could be used for this scholarship program.

Lois Petersen, Vikki Chenette, Lorajane Kessler and Dudley Case volunteered to be on the committee.

Call to Committee for SCC (March 26 at 1:30 pm via Zoom):

Greg Haas said that the JC Dems get 4 votes at the Democratic State Central Committee meeting. Voting by proxy is allowed, so if one of the four members who can legally vote at this meeting cannot attend the meeting, they may designate another member to vote for them. Because of Bill McIntyre's death there is one opening for a JC Dems member to attend this meeting and vote. Greg said he would check to see which four members among the JC Dems members can legally vote at this meeting.

County Convention:

Greg Haas said that the Wyoming Democratic Party will allow the county conventions to be held in person or online (e.g. Zoom) or by a combination of in person and online. Greg Haas said it is too much trouble to set up a hybrid meeting (in person and online). Greg Haas made a motion to hold the county convention in person. Lois Petersen seconded the motion. After some discussion to motion passed unanimously.

The state party told Greg Haas that the county convention must be held In April and that we need to set a date for the convention. After some discussion, Vikki Chenette made a motion to hold the convention on Saturday, April 23 between 10am and Noon. Linda Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Greg Haas stated that normally three committees must be set up to organize and operate the convention: 1) Platform and Resolutions Committee 2) Ballot and Credentials

Committee 3) Bylaws Committee. Greg Haas said that forming a Bylaws committee would not be necessary since we use the State Party Bylaws for the convention. Greg Haas then asked for volunteers to serve on the other two committees. Greg Haas and Linda Wilson volunteered to serve on the Platform and Resolutions Committee. Mary Van Auken, Suzi Black, Vikki Chenette and Dudley Case volunteered for the Ballot and Credentials Committee. Dudley said he was chair of this committee for the 2020 convention and had the paperwork for this committee.

Training Report:

Dudley Case said he attended the Zoom training course entitled Wyoming Candidate Information Session on February 9. Sarah Hunt and Nina Herbert conducted the session. Dudley reviewed the highlights of the session and stated that the session was recorded for anyone who missed the session. One important point covered was that Federal, State and County offices are partisan. City, town and special district offices are non-partisan and precinct committee positions are partisan. Deadlines, campaign logistics, fundraising, voter contact, public appearances, resources, and costs were all covered during the session, which lasted for about one hour. The presenters gave links to the Wyoming County Commissioners Guide, the Wyoming Candidate Guide, which includes filing fees, the Wyoming Clerks Guide, and Wyoming 2022-2023 Election Calendar.

Adjournment:

Greg Haas adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.