Minutes Dec 3, 2019

JC Dems Minutes – Dec. 3, 2019
In Attendance: Greg Haas (C), Lois Petersen (S), Jim Shell (T), Bill McIntyre, Joanie Taylor, Mary VanAuken, Juanita Bybee, Anita Bybee, John O'Laughlin, Will Cox, John Strandholm , Kay McCormick, and Kathie Day

Meeting was called to order and pledge recited at 7:00 pm. Introductions were made.

Minutes of Nov. 5 meeting were approved as written.
Treasurer's report: We currently have $2280.23 in our account.

Greg read a letter from Joe Barbuto suggesting Dems host a social event to reach out to disaffected moderate Republicans. This was discussed and Lois suggested we bring this up again for consideration after the January Social Gathering for JC Dems.

Greg showed a short video explaining run off voting. Sarah Hunt of the WY Dem Party is planning to do a training session on run off voting (the method to be used in our county caucus this year) from 2-5 pm on either Jan. 11 or 12 here in Buffalo. Kathie Day will reserve the large conference room at the library for this purpose.

Greg called for a motion to form a Primary Election/Caucus Committee whose job it would be to help organize this year's county caucus. Kay made the motion, Jim Shell seconded. The motion passed. Bill McIntyre and Jim Shell volunteered to be on that committee and others interested should contact Greg.

Joanie made a motion to hand address the invitations to the New Year's Gathering of Registered JC Democrats to be held on Sun., Jan. 26 at 1 pm at the JC Library. Mary seconded and the motion passed. Joanie, Mary, Kay, Anita and Juanita volunteered to do

the hand addressing. Lois will obtain a current list of names and addresses. A discussion of activities and handouts for the gathering took place and Lois now has a list of suggestions.

Jim Shell made a motion to donate $100 to Sheridan College with a thank you note for allowing us use of a meeting room at no cost. Lois seconded the motion. It passed.

Lois provided basic information about Better Angels and provided information about an upcoming meeting at Sheridan Hospital's Hospitality Room, 61 Gould, Sheridan on Dec. 9 from 6:30-8 pm.

Next meeting will be Tues, Jan. 7 at 7 pm, Room 108, Bomber Mountain Center
Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Minutes Nov. 5th, 2019

JC Dems Minutes – Nov. 5, 2019
In Attendance: Greg Haas (C), Lois Petersen (S), Jim Shell (T), Bill McIntyre, Joanie Taylor, Mary VanAuken, Frank Pratt, Kaye McCormick, Bob Day and Kathie Day

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Started meeting with a phone conversation with Judith da Silva and Kevin Delaney. Kevin is with the National Organization Team for the Elizabeth Warren campaign and Judith is a volunteer organizer. Both are recruiting community leaders and volunteers to help support the Warren campaign. How to get more info from that campaign will be shared via the jc dems email list.

Oct. 1 minutes were approved as written: (Bill, Kathy)
Treasurer's report: We currently have $2032.83 in our account.

Announcements:
The state party appointed Jeff Dockter (previously ran for State Auditor) as WDP treasurer.
Greg will show a video about how rank voting works at our next meeting. We will also discuss location and start planning for the upcoming caucus at the Dec. mtg.

Lois proposed setting up a New Year's Gathering of JC Democrats to be held on Sun., Jan. 26 at 1 pm as a way to bring fellow Democrats together to discuss issues, get to know one another and combat the feeling of political isolation. Joanie moved, Mary seconded that we proceed with plans for the gathering. Approved. Motion made/approved (Bill, Kathy) to spend up to $200 in support of this effort.

Lois spoke about Better Angels and the Sheridan meeting she attended pertaining to this group. She passed out information about the organization and specifics related to an upcoming workshop scheduled for Nov. 21 in Sheridan. To register for the workshop, please go to: https://www.better-angels.org/event/depolarizing-within-workshop-sheridan-wy/

Jim Shell suggested we consider making a donation to Sheridan Community College in appreciation for free use of the classroom for our monthly meetings. Further discussion at our next meeting.

Next meeting will be Tues, Dec. 3 at 7 pm, Room 108, Bomber Mountain Center
Meeting adjourned at 8:40.

Minutes October 1, 2019

JC Dems Minutes – Oct. 1, 2019
In Attendance: Greg Haas (C), Lois Petersen (S), Bill McIntyre (SCM), Joni Taylor, Will Cox, Mary VanAuken, Mike Matto, and Kathie Day (SCW)

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm
Agenda for this meeting and minutes of our Sept. 3 meeting were approved as written
Treasurer's Report: In Jim Shell's absence, Greg read the report. We have a current balance of $2048.23. Our fundraising goal is to have $4,000 raised by May 2020. Discussion about whether to publicize dollar amounts of our budget was tabled until next meeting.

Announcements:
Kendra Cross, Treasurer for the state party, has resigned. Any interested in running for that position should contact Joe Barbuto by Oct. 6.

Sarah Hunt (current Exec. Director – WDP) is willing to work toward a Tri-County (Campbell, Johnson, Sheridan) Training Session if we can come up with a topic, location suggestion and date. The topic we are interested in is Caucus Day Procedure since the caucus will run differently this year (run-off/ranked choices style). Please contact Greg right away with the date you would prefer to attend – the evening of Tues, Oct. 15 or sometime on Sat., Oct. 19.

Greg has set up a listserv that should facilitate email communication. Currently he has 61 addresses for Dems he sends

our newsletter to. More information and the signup for the listserv can be found here: http://lists.jcdemswyo.org/listinfo.cgi/jcdems-jcdemswyo.org.

New business:
Letter writing: We discussed language/ideas to be used in writing to Representative Tass and Senator Kinskey asking their support of 'A Resolution Urging the WY State Legislature to Adopt Legislation to Make All County-Level Political Races Non-Partisan.' A few letters were drafted. Please write a personal letter to each of these legislators in the next few days and feel free to enclose a copy of the resolution itself, found at: https://johnson.wyodems.net/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2019/10/Resolution-County-Elections-Signed.pdf

Addresses are:
Rep. Richard Tass, 386 Crazy Woman Canyon Rd., Buffalo, WY 82834
Sen. Dave Kinskey, 614 Mountain Shadows Blvd., Sheridan, WY 82801

Meeting adjourned at 8:25.

Next meeting is on Tues., Nov. 5, 2019 at 7 pm, Bomber Mountain Civic Center Room 108.

Minutes August 6, 2019

JC Dems Minutes – Aug. 6, 2019
In Attendance: Greg Haas (C), Jim Shell (T), Lois Petersen (S), Bob Day, Bill McIntyre (SCM), John O'Laughlin, and Kathie Day (SCW)

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm
Agenda for this meeting and minutes of our July 2nd meeting were approved as written
Treasurer's Report: Jim reported a current balance of $1897.80. Forms to update bank signature cards have been signed and Jim will return them to the bank.

Announcements:
Greg shared news of the loss of two special young men. Shawn Cox, son of Carol and Will Cox, and Patrick McCormick, the son of Kay and Jim McCormick, both died suddenly this past month. A celebration of Shawn's life will be held at 10 am on Sat., Aug. 10th at the Big Horn Baptist Church. Donations in Shawn's memory can be made to the Donor Alliance for Organ and Tissue Donations, 200 Spruce St., Suite 200, Denver, CO 80230. A celebration of life for Patrick will be held at the American Legion Hall in Buffalo from 5-7 pm on Friday, Aug. 16th. We share the sorrow of these losses.

The resolution developed by JC Dems, asking the legislature to enact legislation to make all county level political races non-partisan, has been submitted to the State Party, was enhanced by Joe Barbuto, and the new version was read and approved at tonight's meeting and will be introduced at the Aug. 16th-17th meeting of the WDP. Greg Haas, and possibly Bill McIntyre, plan to attend the state meeting to present and defend the resolution. They will be able to vote and, if supplied the proper forms from Carol Cox and Kathie Day who, by office, are eligible to vote, be able to vote in proxy for them if they are not able to attend in person.

There was a discussion about Precinct Committeemen. As a result, Greg appointed John O'Laughlin to this position in the 04-08 precinct and Bill McIntyre to the position for Kaycee.

Greg projected a list of names of those registered as Democrats in Johnson County both pre and post the 2016 election. There was a net loss of 36 from pre to post since some Democrats changed their affiliation in order to be able to vote for county position candidates. He will supply us with access to that list and has asked each of us to select a number of names of those who switched affiliation that we will reach out to and invite back into Democrat affiliation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05. Next meeting is on Tues., Sept. 3, 7 pm, Bomber Mountain Room 108.

Minutes July 02, 2019

JC Dems Minutes – July 2, 2019 **DRAFT**
In Attendance:
Greg Haas (C), Carol Cox (VC), Lois Petersen (Sec), Bob Day, Bill McIntyre, John O'Laughlin, Will Cox, Jim Shell (T)

Video – How Corporations Infiltrated the Supreme Court – was shown pre-meeting.

Meeting was **called to order** at 7:10 pm
Agenda for this meeting and minutes of our May 7 meeting were approved as written – Bill/Bob
Treasurer's Report: Jim reported a current balance of $1797.80. Bank signature cards need to be updated with current officers – Jim will check into how best to get this done. Greg shared his efforts to correct donation issues within Action Network. Act Blue is now set up to facilitate donations J C Democratic Party.

Announcements:
An upcoming 'Campaign Coaching' session is being offered by the State Party. We all need to get on their email list to be sure of getting notices.
The State Party is now using MobilizeAmerica to communicate and organize event information.
Sarah Hunt has not yet replied to Greg about setting up training in Clearmont to include Dems from Sheridan, Buffalo, and Gillette. Also, she reported probably no staff will be able to help with the parade on 8/3.

Old Business:
Greg has spread sheets that show contact information for registered democrats. His data shows there was a decrease in numbers from Aug. 2018 (321 registered) to Sept. 2018 (285 reg.) He can sort these names by precinct which will help with canvassing. He also has access to Greenwood Maps from the County which provides a great deal of information pertinent during election years.
The County Elections Resolution was unanimously approved on second and final reading (Bob/Will). Will moved/Bob seconded the motion to submit the resolution at the August State Central Committee Meeting to be considered and approved at the state level. (Motion passed unanimously.)

New Business:
Having held 2 parade committee meetings, Carol reported progress is being made. Bill has agreed to the use of his trailer and truck, we have bunting and banners from last year, and the theme – Year of the Woman – is similar enough to reuse some of the costumes from last year. However, volunteers are desperately needed. They hope to have 5 women on the float and will ask several to serve in this way. Other volunteers are needed to pass out water. Greg will ask Mitch Black about helping again with bottled water. Greg offered 'She Persisted' as a sub-theme

for this year’s float. Jim and Greg will help with setting up the float. An after-parade potluck picnic will be held in a park covered area. Carol will reserve a park shelter for that day.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Next meeting is on Aug. 6, 2019 at 7 pm, Bomber Mountain Room 108.

Minutes June 4, 2019

JC Dems Minutes – June 4, 2019

In Attendance: Greg Haas (C), Carol Cox (VC), Lois Petersen (Sec), Scott Killian, Kay McCormick, Bob Day, Kathie Day (SCW), Bill McIntyre (SCM), John O’Laughlin, Will Cox

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm in the JC Library Conference Room

Agenda for this meeting and minutes of our May 7 meeting were approved as written.
Treasurer’s Report: Greg read Jim Shell’s report, noting the current balance is $1706.80

Announcements:

- Sarah Hunt offered help from State Dems (WDP) this summer. Greg will contact her about setting up training in Clearmont to include Dems from Sheridan, Buffalo, and Gillette – and also ask for help with the parade on 8/3.

- Nina Hebert asked County Chairs to answer “why I’m a Democrat” and send her a fun photo.
- Joe Barbuto has asked for post cards to be sent to Rodney Knudson who suffered burns from a recent propane accident. Cards can be sent to Rodney Knudson, Room 605, Northern Colorado Rehabilitation Hospital, 4401 Union St., Johnstown, CO 80534
- ActBlue is now set up to facilitate donations to Johnson County Democratic Party and Greg will get that on the jcdemswyo.org website to replace ActionNetwork donation form.

Old Business:

Discussed the need for (and role of) Precinct Committee Members. Greg wants help in identifying people to serve in this role within each precinct. Each member must be a registered Democrat, and the job is to help with voter drives, canvassing, visits to other Dems in their precincts, and fundraising efforts. Greg will divide the voter rolls into precincts and bring that info back to this group.

“Prominent Women of Johnson County” is the theme for our Aug. 3 Parade. Bill McIntyre offered use of his truck and trailer again this year. Carol Cox, Scott Killian, and Bill McIntyre volunteered to be on the parade committee and will coordinate their efforts with Mike Knebel, Chamber Director. Kathy will check with Vanessa V for any parade banners, etc. Greg will get count of t-shirts and see about ordering more t-shirts in needed sizes.

County Elections Resolution – Will made a motion to hear the Election Resolution on first reading; Bill seconded. Greg read the resolution, some changes in wording were made, and the 1st reading was unanimously approved as amended to read:

- 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.

New Business:

WDP wants an increase in recurring donations to the party. While some of our group donates online, some of our members prefer to donate at meetings when the hat is passed. In two weeks Greg expects it will be possible to donate to both state and local parties directly from the JC Dems web page.

Greg read aloud a resolution he is considering submitting to WDP regarding gun safety. A lively discussion followed and the resolution will be brought back for further consideration at the July meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50.

Minutes May 7, 2019

JC Dems Minutes – April 9, 2019

In Attendance: Carol Cox (VP), Jim Shell (Trea), Lois Petersen (Sec), Kay McCormick, Bob Day, Kathie Day, Bill McIntyre, Joanna Taylor, John O'Laughlin, Will Cox –- Greg Haas, excused absence

Meeting was called to order at 7pm by Carol Cox. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda for this meeting and minutes of our April 9 meeting were approved as written.
State Central Committee Meeting:

- Bill reported Former Gov., Mike Sullivan, was a great keynote speaker.
- Election of Officers and other positions in the state party was the top priority. List of newly elected officers and chairs is attached to these minutes*.
- The summer meeting of the WDP will be held in Lander. The pig-roast banquet will be in South Pass City in deference to Ester Hobart Morris, the 1st woman Justice of the Peace, who was from SP City.
- Bill noted a call for proposals from counties that would like to host the 2020 WDP State Convention- 6/6/20. After reading the criteria, there was concern Buffalo doesn't meet the requirements for convention space, local volunteers, and accommodations, but this will be brought up again next meeting.

- Bill also shared a notice advertising a raffle to win a weekend in Johnson County including a tour of the Hole in the Wall area of Kaycee – open to all who donate $10 month to the WDP.

Treasurer's Report: After receiving some donations since our last meeting, we currently have $1606.80 in our account. Jim will not be able to attend our June meeting but his report will be given to Greg in advance.

Old Business:
Bob shared a draft of a resolution to make all municipal and county elections non-partisan. He asked for any additions or corrections to be sent to Greg Haas for word-smithing. Some ideas included – this would mean fewer changes of party affiliations, it would align city with county elected positions, making all local offices non-partisan. It was suggested the resolution statement be placed after all the Whereas statements.

Another resolution related to sensible gun control is being worked on by Greg. Both draft resolutions will be brought back for discussion during our June meeting. Both resolutions should be ready to submit to the WDP by Aug. 18th.

Update on WY Promise:
Lois and Greg attended the 2-day Organizational WY Promise Retreat in Casper where Ben Gubitz of American Promise praised the hard work of so many here in WY and congratulated us for coming so very close to having our resolution approved by the legislature. Much planning went into ways to move forward, with the following decisions being made:

- Focus will be on a legislative push rather than another petition drive in the next two years
- Article V will not be part of the resolution wording
- A bi-partisan steering committee with working committees

under them will be formed.
- Postcards will be sent to thank all legislators who supported the WY Promise resolution.
- The League of Women Voters will be asked to adopt a resolution of support for WY Promise, and similar resolutions of support from local governments, agencies and organizations will be sought.

Lois was unsuccessful in showing a short video – How Corporations Infiltrated the Supreme Court – but was asked to try again next month.

Announcements:

- Bill proposed we think about participating again in the Rodeo Week Parade – Aug. 3. Further discussion will take place at our June meeting. Carol will call the Chamber to find out this year's parade theme.
- Lois shared info about an Advocacy Teams meeting to take place May 15 in Sheridan at the library.
- Lois also shared a WYO File article about Campbell County's Republican Party's efforts to purify their party.

Meeting **adjourned** at 8:10.
– submitted by Lois Petersen

***Elected officials at WDP:**

- Joe M Barbuto, Chair of the Wyoming Democratic Party (WDP)
- Erin O'Doherty, Vice-Chair of the WDP
- Mandy Weaver, Secretary of the WDP
- Kendra Cross, Treasurer of the WDP
- Jessica Sell Chamber, WDP National Committeewoman
- Lucas Fralick, WDP National Committeeman

Minutes April 9, 2019

Johnson County Democratic Party County Meeting Minutes
● April 9, 2019 ●

Call to Order

Attending: Carol and Will Cox, Kathie and Bob Day, Greg Haas (Chair), Lois Petersen (Sec.), Bill McIntyre, Anna Jenkins
Meeting called to order at 7:02, pledge was recited, and introductions were made.

Reports

Minutes of the March 23 JC Convention were projected and handed out in paper copy to those not having received them via email. Bill moved to accept the minutes with one small correction, Bob seconded and the minutes were approved.
Treasurer's Report: Greg read the report in Jim Shell's absence. After receiving $201 in donations, and reimbursing $95.57 for stamps and labels and $122.50 for post cards, the current balance is $1529.80.
Chair's Report: Greg read the letter received from Dean Ferguson regarding news from WY State Democratic Party and also shared a sample county resolution drafted by Albany County that will be sent to the State Democrats- its purpose to get the state party to encourage Democrat legislators to draft legislation on the issue.

Old Business

Greg stated a need to meet with county officers to clarify job descriptions and set up access to online resources. Lois moved to meet after tonight's meeting. Carol seconded. Motion was approved. Discussed regular meeting dates and times: Kathie

moved to keep our regular meetings at 7 pm at Bomber Mountain, Room 108 on the second Tues of each month. Will seconded. Motion was approved. In response to a question about Wyoming Promise, Lois shared there will be a retreat April 19-20 at the Ramkota Motel in Casper to develop a strategy for going forward on the effort to limit big/dark money affecting elections. Greg and Lois are planning to attend and will provide a report at the May meeting.

New Business

Greg is working on a county resolution related to sensible gun control. He will share more on this later. Will and Bob are interested in researching how to make elected county-level positions non-partisan and may consider also drafting a county resolution on this issue.

Announcements

The State Central Committee Meeting will be held on Sat., April 27 at the UW Extension Office, 2011 Fairground Road in Casper. Greg will be attending. There will be free campaign training offered through a 6-week webinar course 16 April – 23 May. Greg has more information to share with anyone interested in participating. Lois mentioned a short online video of Jennifer Lawrence talking about the need to address campaign funding issues and overturn Citizens United. She offered to show it at our next meeting. Next meeting will be on May 7 at 7pm at Bomber Mountain, Room 108.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Submitted by Lois Petersen

Minutes March 23, 2019

Johnson County Democratic Party
County Convention Minutes
March 23, 2019

Call to order
Chairman McIntyre called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. Allegiance to flag was pledged. 17 present including Chairman McIntyre, Treasurer Shell and Secretary Haas.

Reports and Announcements
Minutes from March 5th meeting were reviewed. John Tinnen moved to accept as written, Mitch Black seconded and motion carried unopposed.
Treasurer reported checking balance of $1547.87 which does not include cost of promoting this convention.
Secretary reported 17 registered as voters for this convention.

Election of County Committee Officers
Prior to any nominations, two additional registered democrats arrived and signed in.
Bill McIntyre nominated Greg Haas for Chairman. Kathie Day seconded. Haas accepted nomination. Mitch Black nominated Jim Shell for Chairman, Jim declined prior to a second. Election of Haas as Chair passed by voice vote.
Kathie Day nominated Lois Petersen for Vice Chair seat. Lois declined prior to a second. Mitch Black nominated Carol Cox for the Vice Chair seat. Lois Petersen seconded. Carol accepted the nomination and election passed by voice vote.
Will Cox nominated Jim Shell for Treasurer, Mitch Black seconded. Jim accepted nomination and election passed by voice vote.
There was another person nominated for Treasurer, I think, but it was declined. Was it Bob Day?

Kathie Day nominated Lois Petersen for Secretary seat. Mitch Black seconded. Lois accepted nomination and election passed by voice vote.
Mitch Black nominated Bill McIntyre for State Committeeman seat. Jim Shell seconded. Bill accepted the nomination and election passed by voice vote.
Will Cox nominated Kathie Day for State Committeewoman seat. John Tinnen seconded. Kathie accepted nomination and election passed by voice vote.
Results are as follows:

Chair:	Greg Haas
Vice Chair:	Carol Cox
Treasurer:	Jim Shell
Secretary:	Lois Petersen
State Committeeman:	Bill McIntyre
State Committeewoman:	Kathie Day

Old Business
There are 16 precincts in Johnson County and, since each precinct is eligible to have 2 elected committee members – one male and one female -there are 32 eligible positions in JC. Note that the Chair can also appoint people to fill these positions after the election if the position wasn't filled through the vote. At present there are only five of these positions filled, but there were several who voiced some interest in knowing more about the requirements of these positions for the future.

New Business
A representative from WDP was expected to be at this meeting to provide an update on Wyoming Democratic Party goals and news, as well as answer questions. However, this was not to be.
Greg noted that the State Party has recently been providing more assistance to JC than was evident previously, and that this help is much appreciated. He says the state's Facebook page is a good place to get information. Also, he recommended Nate Martin's

website (betterwyo.org) for good coverage of statewide political issues.
No report on the Nellie Tayloe Ross weekend as no one present at this meeting attended this year.
Greg's Goals as Chair:
He has draft resolutions he may want to propose at an upcoming meeting, designed to help get issues of importance to our county (and to Democrats statewide) in front of legislators.
He noted a goal to raise $4000 before the next election – money to be used to support candidates in both state and local elections.
He reminded us that there is no one way to meet our goals, and that we should strive to support each other and a variety of efforts to move us together toward our common goals.

Adjournment
There being none opposed, meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Next meeting:
April 9th at 7 pm in room 108, Bomber Mountain.
Please note: meetings are regularly scheduled for the first Tues of each month.

Submitted by Lois Petersen

Minutes March 5, 2019

Johnson County Democratic Party Committee Meeting Minutes

● March 5, 2019 ●

Call to order

The chair being absent, the meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by the secretary. Pledge was promised. Treasurer Shell, Secretary Haas were among the five present.

Reports and Announcements

Treasurer: $48.00 were collected since the last report. Current checking account balance is $1513.87. No new expenditures.

Secretary: read the minutes from the January 08, 2019 meeting. No changes or additions were suggested or requested and were accepted as submitted. There was no meeting on Feb 5th and, therefore, no associated minutes to review. Secretary reported briefly on the informal conversation that took place at that time.

Chairman: Chairman McIntyre not present.

Old Business

Review of Date/Time/Objective of March 23rd, 2019 meeting to elect county party officers and state committeeman and state committeewoman. Meeting will be at 10am at the Johnson County Library in Buffalo. Group agreed to discuss and plan further following adjournment.

New Business

The group reviewed and discussed brief history of county-level activity over the past four years or so for new participant. The group discussed some possible hurdles and activities that might take place in the coming months.

Adjournment

There being no further business and no objection to adjourning, the secretary adjourned the meeting at 7:24pm.

Submitted by Greg Haas, Secretary