

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 carried 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

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 an online auction and buyers will pay for shipping if they do not attend the event or Greg can pick 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, 2022](#)

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 it 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.