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

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

- 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 <u>July 5, 20022</u> 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, ecofriendly) 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.

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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 2022 County Convention

Johnson County Democratic Party County Convention April 30, 2022 Buffalo Senior Center

Attendees:

Ernest and Lynda Champlin, Kathleen Sherwood, Mary Carlson, Dudley Case, Suzi and Mitch Black, Vikki Chenette, Lois Petersen, Linda Wilson, Mary Van Auken, Lorajane Kessler, Gregory Haas.

Call to Order:

County Party Chairman, Greg Haas, called the convention to order at 10:00 am. Convention said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Additional Agenda Item:

Greg Haas stated that the selection of a Convention Chair needed to be added to the agenda with a motion.

Lois Petersen made a motion that the selection of a Convention Chair be added to the agenda. Vikki Chenette seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Selection of Convention Chair:

Suzi Black nominated Greg Haas to be Convention Chair. There were no other nominations. The Convention members selected Greg Haas by voice vote.

Report of the Credentials and Ballots Committee:

Dudley Case, on behalf of the committee, reported that there were 13 qualified Democrats present and participating at this convention.

Election of Delegates to the State Convention:

State Convention:

Greg Haas stated that the State Convention will be in Rock Springs. The convention dinner will be held on Friday June 10 and the convention will be held on Saturday June 11. Masks will be required and there will be no food or beverages in the theatre.

Vote on sending full or half delegates to the State Convention: Lois Petersen made a motion to send full delegates. Mitch Black seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Nomination of delegates:

Mary Van Auken, Lois Petersen, Greg Haas and Mary Carlson nominated themselves. Lois Petersen nominated Kate Sherwood. Vikki Chenette made a motion to elect these five nominees as delegates to the State Convention. Linda Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Lois Petersen made a motion for the convention to take a 5 minute beverage and snack break. Vikki Chenette seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Consideration of the Platform and Resolution:

Linda Wilson, Chair of the Platform and Resolutions Committee, explained and presented the seven changes to the Platform that would be voted on. Greg Haas showed the changes with a digital projector and screen. The changes are as follows:

1. Plank 8. Taxation/Revenue

Removal of the last sentence: "We support the formation of a Senior Citizen Service District in Johnson County as described in State Statute 18-15-101."

2. Plank 10. Protecting Our Democracy
Adding a sentence: "We support the use of ranked-choice voting in primary elections."

Adding a sentence: "We support an independent commission for the determination of legislative districts."

Adding a sentence: "We support reinstatement of the Fairness Doctrine."

3. Plank 12. Protecting Our Personal Rights:

Removal of the second sentence of the second paragraph: "No person should be discriminated against based on the following, including but not limited to, actual or perceived race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion or non-religion, age, disability, economic status, political beliefs, sex, gender identity, gender expression, and/or sexual orientation."

Adding a sentence: "We believe that until all of us matter, none of us matter."

4. Plank 13: Integrity in Foreign Relations
Adding the word "all" in the third paragraph: "We recognize the use of force may be required to protect these fundamental principles only when **all** peaceful international efforts have failed."

Lois Petersen made a motion to accept the seven platform changes as presented. Mary Van Auken seconded the motion. Lois Petersen then proposed a friendly amendment to the first sentence added to Plank 10, so that the sentence would read: "We support the use of ranked choice voting and open primary elections." Lois Petersen and Mary Van Auken agreed to this amendment.

The motion with the friendly amendment passed. Other Business:

William D. McIntyre Memorial Scholarship
Greg Haas explained how the idea of having a William D.
McIntyre Memorial Scholarship came about after Bill
passed away, his talk with Dixie McIntyre about the idea
of having a scholarship in Bill's name and her discussion

of this idea with her relatives. Greg also talked about his drafting of Bill's biography, the scholarship application, the Scholarship Committee guidelines and rules, the Scholarship Committee membership page and the donation form.

Dudley Case then introduced the Scholarship Committee -Lois Petersen, Lorajane Kessler, Vikki Chenette and himself. Dudley then briefly explained that the committee had met several times to turn the draft scholarship documents into a final version that the JC Dems could vote on and had thus made a number of changes to the draft documents, including the date for accepting the first applications. The committee also had decided not to use a corporation with a 501(c)(3) tax exemption to run the scholarship, due to the time, effort and expense it would take to use a corporation. He also stated that the committee had decided to take Bill's biography off of the application and put it on a separate page for inclusion on the scholarship website. The committee also decided to remove from the Scholarship Committee Guidelines and Rules page the sentence that gave special regard to Kaycee High School students since the committee felt that this might discourage Buffalo High School students from applying for the scholarship. Dudley also mentioned that the JC Dems Treasurer, Suzi Black, had suggested to the committee that a separate JCDems bank account be set up to receive donations for the scholarship.

Greg Haas then suggested that a motion be made to formally accept the scholarship documents as revised by the scholarship committee and to launch the scholarship by means of fundraising, setting up a scholarship bank account and creating a press release. Suzi Black made the motion and Linda Wilson seconded the motion.

As part of the discussion of this motion, Greg Haas suggested two friendly amendments to the part of the motion concerning the <u>scholarship documents</u> as revised by the scholarship committee. One, to reincorporate Bill's biography at the beginning of the scholarship application. So that applicants would know about Bill's

life and the values for which he stood. Two, to add back to the internal document entitled "Scholarship Committee's Guidelines and Rules" the sentence: "Special regard will be given graduates of the Kaycee High School in Kaycee, Wyoming." Greg stated that since the guidelines and rules are an internal document that only the scholarship committee would see, this should not discourage students at the Buffalo High School from applying for the scholarship.

Suzi Black, who made the motion, and Linda Wilson, who seconded the motion, both accepted these friendly amendments. The motion with the friendly amendments was then voted on and passed.

Greg Haas said he would create a press release for the scholarship and will distribute it statewide. And Lois Petersen said she would contact Dixie McIntyre and get her the revised documents.

Greg Haas adjourned the convention at 11:28 am.

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 April 5, 2022

Johnson County Democratic Party Monthly Meeting April 5, 2022

Call to Order:

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

Attendance: Greg Haas, Jim Shell, Sharon Case, Dudley Case, Mary Van Auken, Lorajane Kessler, Lois Petersen

Secretary Report:

Lois Petersen made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 1 meeting and Mary van Auken seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Greg Haas reported the balance in the bank account. There were three deposits and 2 withdrawals since March 1.

Chair Announcements:

Greg Haas announced that he received a letter from the County Clerk asking for volunteers to be election judges. The Clerk also said that on July 7th at 9:00 am in the small meeting room there would be public testing of the early voting machines and on July 29 at 9:00 am in the small meeting room there would be public testing of the remaining voting machines. The early voting machines would also be publicly tested on September 29 at 9:00 am in the small meeting room, and the remaining voting machines would be publicly tested on October 6th at 9:00 am in the small meeting room. The primary election will be held on August 16 and the general election will be held on November 8.

Old Business:

1. William D. McIntyre Memorial Scholarship Report

Dudley Case reported that the Scholarship Committee (Lorajane Kessler, Lois Petersen, Vikki Chenette, Dudley Case) met on

March 25 and discussed setting up a scholarship. The committee consensus was that they wanted a Johnson County Democratic Party scholarship rather than a scholarship that would be independent of the Democratic Party. The committee also decided that it did not want to use a corporation with a 501(c)(3) exemption to run the scholarship. The committee also reviewed Greg Haas' draft scholarship documents and made some changes to the documents. Lois Petersen volunteered to take the newly revised documents to Dixie McIntyre so she could review the documents and make comments on them. A few days later Dixie called Lois and told her that she would like the name of the scholarship to continue to be called the William D. McIntyre Memorial Scholarship rather than the Johnson County Democratic Party Scholarship, and she suggested that there could be a line in the heading that stated that the scholarship was offered by the Johnson County Democratic Party. She also suggested that some mention be made in the documents that scholarships could be awarded to graduating high school students who had been home schooled and would be attending a college, trade or vocational school.

The committee decided that they would like to make the initial announcement of the scholarship at the county convention on April 23rd and if possible also kick off the scholarship fundraising effort at the county convention, assuming that the scholarship documents can be put into a finalized version that can be voted on by the convention members on April 23rd.

Greg Haas asked why the scholarship committee decided to not use an independent 501(c)(3) exempt corporation for the scholarship and instead wanted the scholarship committee to operate directly under the Johnson County Democratic Party and Lorajane Kessler explained the committee's reasoning on this matter.

Dudley Case made a motion that the official title of the scholarship should be the "William D. McIntyre Memorial

Scholarship Offered by the Johnson County Democratic Party". Lois Petersen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The next Scholarship Committee meeting will be held on Friday, April 15th at 11:00 am at the Johnson County Library.

2. State Central Committee (SCC) Reports

Greg Haas stated that the Wyoming Women's Caucus brought up a resolution that was submitted to the SCC board that stated support for redistricting to be handled by an independent commission to reduce the partisanship in designing voting districts, making the strange districts set up in Sheridan this year less likely to happen in the future. The Wyoming Democratic Party, Sheridan County Democrats and Johnson County Democrats are working together to create a statement on the redistricting done in Sheridan County this year..

Lois Petersen also mentioned some of the local candidates who will be running in the election this year in various counties.

3. County Convention

Greg Haas announced that the county convention will be held on Saturday, April 23 from 10:00 am to Noon at the Senior Center in Buffalo if he can get a room reserved there. Greg Haas also passed around copies of the Johnson County Democratic Party Proxy Vote form. This form can be used by anyone who is not able to attend the convention and wishes to allow someone else to vote for them at the convention. Greg Haas also shared copies of the State Convention Delegate Nomination Form and the draft agenda to which he will add discussion and consideration of the Scholarship Committee's scholarship documents. Johnson County will be allowed five delegates to the State Convention.

Greg Haas also announced that the Platform and Resolutions

Committee so far has one change to the platform that will be voted on at the convention. If anyone else has any other platform changes or resolutions that they would like to see brought forward at the convention, please contact either Linda Wilson or Greg Haas.

Dudley Case mentioned that a list of Johnson County Democrats as of April 8 and April 19 will be needed to determine who is qualified to be a State Convention delegate and who is qualified to vote at the county convention.

Greg Haas also would like to place an ad about the convention in the Buffalo Bulletin and the "Around Town".

Lois Petersen suggested that there should be some food and drinks for convention attendees. Both Lois and Mary van Auken volunteered to coordinate the food and drinks for the convention.

Platform/Position Paper

Greg Haas mentioned that this paper is on hold right now.

New Business:

Lois Petersen made a motion that the Johnson County Democratic Party should donate \$100 to Sheridan College in thanks for them allowing the party to use Room 108 for its monthly meetings. Mary van Auken seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Adjournment:

Greg Haas adjourned the meeting at 8:30 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.

Minutes February 1, 2022

Johnson County Democratic Party Business Meeting February 1, 2021 Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Greg Haas, Chair.

Attendance in person: Greg Haas, Jim Shell, Lois Petersen, Suzi Black, Mitch Black, Sharon Case, Dudley Case

Treasurer's Report:

Suzi Black reported the balance in the bank account, that there is a check from Act Blue that has not been deposited yet. Also, the amount remaining from donations that were received for Bill McIntyre's funeral flowers.

Greg Haas said he will ask Dixie if she needs help with any of the funeral expenses.

Old and New Business:

Electioneering/Campaigning — Greg Haas said the Wyoming Democratic Party has set up three training sessions for potential candidates: February 2 at 7:00 pm, March 10 at 11:30 am, and April 6 at 7:00 pm.

Wyoming Democratic Legislative Watch Committee — Greg Haas stated that the Wyoming Democratic Party is setting up its annual Legislative Watch Committee. The committee tracks bills during the legislative session and works with the Wyoming Democratic Party staff to create Action Alerts, mobilize activist, and help hold our legislators accountable. The committee is looking for volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Wyoming Democratic Party. The deadline for volunteering is February 10.

Redistricting — The Wyoming Democratic Party is looking for volunteers to write letters to the editor about the Wyoming Legislature's redistricting plans. Please contact the Wyoming Democratic Party if you are interested in volunteering.

JC Dems Platform/Position Paper — At the December 7 meeting the six priority issues that were identified in the platform were: vaccines, women's health, gun rights, voting rights, racism and climate change. Greg Haas volunteered to pull out those sections of the platform which best apply to these issues and to put together an outline of the topics to cover under each of these issues when we talk to JC Dems members.

Chamber of Commerce — Lois Petersen said she is interested in the JC Dems joining the Chamber of Commerce so that the party can get some free advertising thru the chamber. The Republican Party is already a member of the chamber. Jim Shell made a motion for the party to investigate joining the Chamber of Commerce, including what the annual membership fee is. Suzi Black seconded the motion. After some discussion the motion passed unanimously.

William D. McIntyre Memorial Scholarship:

Greg Haas presented to the members the four documents that he and the scholarship committee created in connection with this scholarship, namely, the Scholarship Application, Committee Guidelines and Rules, Roster of Scholarship Committee Members, and Donation Form.

Greg then reviewed each form and asked for the members comments and input on each form.

The group decided that for now no logo and/or photo of Bill McIntyre would be put on the forms. Also, that the application and supporting documents and any donation checks would be mailed to the William D. McIntyre Memorial Scholarship rather than to the Johnson County Democratic Party but using the party's P.O. Box. Greg said he will make the necessary changes on all the documents.

It was also decided that the giant reusable check to be presented to scholarship winners would have the title William D. McIntyre Memorial Scholarship.

Dudley Case made a motion to approve the scholarship documents as presented by Greg Haas with the changes agreed to at the meeting. Motion was seconded by Suzi Black. Motion was passed unanimously.

Announcements from the Floor:

Lois Petersen announced that there will be a seminar entitled Investing in Solar Energy for your home, farm and business sponsored by the Sheridan County Democrats and the Wyoming Solar Energy Association on Wednesday, February 16 at 7:00 pm.

Lois Petersen announced that there will be a Zoom presentation entitled America at a Crossroads presented by Jonathan Greenblatt with Madeleine Brand on Wednesday, February 2 at 5:00 pm. This presentation is being sponsored by Jews United for Democracy and Justice. Jonathan Greenblatt is the author of the book "It Could Happen Here — Why America is Tipping from Hate to the Unthinkable and How We Can Stop It". The book can be ordered on Amazon and other booksellers. You may sign up for the presentation at the sponsor's website: http://jewsunitedfordemocracy.org.