

Minutes March 3, 2020

JC Dems Minutes – Mar. 3, 2020

In Attendance: Greg Haas (C), Lois Petersen (S), Jim Shell (T), Bill McIntyre (SCM), Juanita Bybee, , John O’Laughlin, Kathie Day (SCW), Dudley Case, Sharon Case, Susie Black, Mary VanAuken, Kay McCormick, Will Cox, and Tina Hart.

Meeting was called to order and pledge recited at 7:01 pm. Introductions were made.

Secretary’s Report: Minutes of Feb. 4, 2020 meeting were approved.

Treasurer’s report: Our corrected ending balance for last month was \$2271.28 and the current balance is \$2343.69.

Announcements from the Chair: Greg shared that Johnson County sponsored a table of 8 at the Feb. 22nd Nellie Tayloe Ross Banquet, thanks largely to Bill McIntyre. A great time was had by all.

Two resolutions were passed at the Sunday, Feb. 23rd state caucus – [Collective-Bargaining-Resolution](#) in place of ‘Right to Work’. The second [Tipped-Pay-Resolution](#), and to instead establish a single minimum wage for WY workers.

Greg showed a sample ballot and envelope and explained where we are currently at with Ranked Choice Voting and ballot mail outs.

The State Convention will be on 6th this year in Powell. Mark your calendars.

Greg asked for a motion to eliminate the Buffalo ballot drop box at the JC Library on March 28. Motion was made and seconded (Will/Kathie). The motion failed.

[US Senate Candidate Merav Ben-David](#) would like input on when to

visit Johnson County. If anyone can suggest a date in March/April that would provide her good exposure, please share this date with Greg who will be in contact with her.

Announcements from the floor: none

Next meeting: Tues, April 7 at 7 pm, Room 108, Bomber Mountain Center

Meeting adjourned at 7:55.

Minutes Feb 4, 2020

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In Attendance: Greg Haas (C), Lois Petersen (S), Jim Shell (T), Bill McIntyre (SCM), Juanita Bybee, Anita Bybee, John O’Laughlin, Bob Day, Kathie Day (SCW), Bob McDowell, Pat McDowell, Dudley Case, Sharon Case, and guest Lyn Haas

Meeting was called to order and pledge recited at 7:02 pm. Introductions were made.

Reports:

Minutes of Jan. 7, 2020 minutes were approved with one correction

Treasurer’s report: We currently have \$2,284.28 in our account.

Announcements from the chair:

Greg noted several upcoming training sessions. Dudley offered to list the trainings and get that info out to those who might be interested in attending them.

The Nellie Tayloe Ross Banquet will take place on Feb. 22 in Cheyenne. Bill McIntyre reserved a table at the banquet. If you are interested in being seated at that table, contact Bill – wmcintyre@rtconnect.net asap. For more information, go to <https://www.nellietayloeross.com/>.

Old Business: The Social Gathering for JC Democrats had nearly 60 people in attendance and provided an opportunity to meet new people and get more people informed and involved.

New Business: Fundraising ideas were discussed – hats, scarves – no motion was made to pursue this. A suggestion was made to sell remaining JC Dems t-shirts at the April 4 caucus.

Announcements from the floor: A free showing of a movie introducing the Better Angels movement – helping depolarize American politics – will take place Wed., Feb. 12 at 7 pm at the JC Library. Members of all political parties are encouraged to attend.

Next meeting: Tues, Mar. 3 at 7 pm, Room 108, Bomber Mountain Center

Meeting adjourned at 7:55.

Minutes Jan 7, 2020

JC Dems Minutes – Jan. 7, 2020

In Attendance: Greg Haas (C), Lois Petersen (S), Bill McIntyre (SCM), Joanie Taylor, Mary VanAuken, Juanita Bybee, John O’Laughlin, Bob Day, Kathie Day (SCW), Kay McCormick

Meeting was **called to order and pledge recited at 7:00 pm.**

Minutes of Dec. 3 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's report: We currently have \$2320.23 in our account.

Greg noted the upcoming [WDP training session taking place Jan. 11](#) at 1:30 pm at the JC Library on Rank Choice Voting – the method being used in this year's Democratic Caucus taking place Sat., April 4. All who plan to vote in this year's Democratic Caucus are strongly encouraged to attend the session on January 11. Greg also ran through some key dates on the primary/caucus timeline.

The Nellie Tayloe Ross Banquet will take place on Feb. 22 in Cheyenne. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Go to <https://www.nellietayloeross.com/> for more information and to register.

Greg read a letter written by F. Mikel Carmon MA related to the high rate of suicides in WY and the need to change how this issue is dealt with so that positive change will happen. Please contact F. Mikel Carmon at (307) 277-1235 to find out more and support new efforts.

[Nick Reynolds](#), State Politics Reporter for the Casper Star Tribune, has posted an online Legislative Session Survey and is asking people to complete the survey to let him know what questions and issues we, his readers, want our legislators to address and what issues he should cover as a reporter. To take the survey, go to – <https://tinyurl.com/CSTSessionSurvey>

Old Business: Caucus Committee members Greg and Bill (and any committee newcomers) will meet on Feb. 12 to develop a list of things that must be done in readiness for the Caucus. Volunteers should contact Greg to help decide where to meet. Use the [Contact Us](#) Page

New Business: Lois made a motion to have a person available at the Jan. 26th Social Gathering who is able to do voter registration. Kathie seconded. Motion passed. Lois and Bill will try to secure a notary for this purpose.

Lois attended a Better Angels workshop on Dec. 9 in Sheridan. The workshop is online and free to BA members. Membership is \$12 and can be accomplished online at <https://www.better-angels.org/support-us/#join>.

Next meeting: Tues, Feb. 4th at 7 pm, Room 108, Bomber Mountain Center

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Minutes Dec 3, 2019

JC Dems Minutes – Dec. 3, 2019

In Attendance: Greg Haas (C), Lois Petersen (S), Jim Shell (T), Bill McIntyre, Joanie Taylor, Mary VanAuken, Juanita Bybee, Anita Bybee, John O’Laughlin, Will Cox, John Strandholm , Kay McCormick, and Kathie Day

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

Minutes of Nov. 5 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer’s report: We currently have \$2280.23 in our account.

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

consideration after the January Social Gathering for JC Dems.

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

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

Joanie made a motion to hand address the invitations to the New Year's Gathering of Registered JC Democrats to be held on Sun., Jan. 26 at 1 pm at the JC Library. Mary seconded and the motion passed. Joanie, Mary, Kay, Anita and Juanita volunteered to do the hand addressing. Lois will obtain a current list of names and addresses. A discussion of activities and handouts for the gathering took place and Lois now has a list of suggestions.

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

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

Next meeting will be Tues, Jan. 7 at 7 pm, Room 108, Bomber Mountain Center

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Minutes Nov. 5th, 2019

JC Dems Minutes – Nov. 5, 2019

In Attendance: Greg Haas (C), Lois Petersen (S), Jim Shell (T), Bill McIntyre, Joanie Taylor, Mary VanAuken, Frank Pratt, Kaye McCormick, Bob Day and Kathie Day

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

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

[Oct. 1 minutes](#) were approved as written: (Bill, Kathy)

Treasurer's report: We currently have \$2032.83 in our account.

Announcements:

The state party appointed Jeff Dockter (previously ran for State Auditor) as WDP treasurer.

Greg will show a video about how rank voting works at our next meeting. We will also discuss location and start planning for the upcoming caucus at the Dec. mtg.

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

in support of this effort.

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

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

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

Minutes October 1, 2019

JC Dems Minutes – Oct. 1, 2019

In Attendance: Greg Haas (C), Lois Petersen (S), Bill McIntyre (SCM), Joni Taylor, Will Cox, Mary VanAuken, Mike Matto, and Kathie Day (SCW)

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm

Agenda for this meeting and minutes of our Sept. 3 meeting were approved as written

Treasurer's Report: In Jim Shell's absence, Greg read the report. We have a current balance of \$2048.23. Our fundraising

goal is to have \$4,000 raised by May 2020. Discussion about whether to publicize dollar amounts of our budget was tabled until next meeting.

Announcements:

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

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

Greg has set up a listserv that should facilitate email communication. Currently he has 61 addresses for Dems he sends our newsletter to. More information and the signup for the listserv can be found here:
<http://lists.jcdemswyo.org/listinfo.cgi/jcdems-jcdemswyo.org>.

New business:

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

Addresses are:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25.

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

Minutes September 3, 2019

JC Dems Minutes – Sept. 3, 2019

In Attendance: Greg Haas (P), Jim Shell (T), Lois Petersen (S), Bob Day, and Kathie Day (SCW)

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Agenda for this meeting and minutes of our Aug. 6th meeting were approved as written

Treasurer's Report: Jim reported a current balance of \$2028.23. Jim shared a record of donations given to JC Dems through ActBlue Network. Lois will write a thank you notes.

Announcements:

Greg noted that our website domain name (jcdemswyo.org) is expiring. Payment of \$15.99 was approved to renew it.

Greg updated us on the Aug. 17 meeting of the State Central Committee that took place in Lander. Three resolutions were presented and passed there:

1) RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO PROVIDE THE RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WITH STATEHOOD AND FULL DEMOCRACY

2) A RESOLUTION REGARDING WYOMING DEMOCRATIC PARTY SUPPORT OF DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES DURING THE 2020 PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION CYCLES

3) A RESOLUTION URGING THE WYOMING STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT LEGISLATION TO MAKE ALL COUNTY-LEVEL POLITICAL RACES NON-PARTISAN This resolution, submitted by JC Democrats, was presented by Greg and was passed unanimously. Greg will report on this resolution and its passage at the state level to the Buffalo Bulletin. *IMPORTANT:* The Johnson County Democrats will host a letter-writing session at our next scheduled meeting (Oct. 1st), sending information about this resolution proposal to our state legislators and asking their support for it. Please plan to come to the meeting and help with this effort.

The next State Committee Meeting will take place in February of 2020. Park County was selected as the location for the 2020 Wyoming Democratic Party (WDP) Convention taking place on Saturday, June 6, 2020 – mark your calendar.

Greg summarized other documents related to state party politics and activities sent by Joe Barbuto, WDP Chair.

Greg demonstrated Instant run-off or ranked choice voting.

New business:

We need to start conversing with fellow democrats, help people get registered to vote, and recruit precinct chairs. There was discussion about possible ways to use voter rolls for this effort.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Next meeting is on Tues., Oct. 1, 7:00 pm, Bomber Mountain Room 108.

Minutes August 6, 2019

JC Dems Minutes – Aug. 6, 2019

In Attendance: Greg Haas (C), Jim Shell (T), Lois Petersen (S), Bob Day, Bill McIntyre (SCM), John O’Laughlin, and Kathie Day (SCW)

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm

Agenda for this meeting and minutes of our July 2nd meeting were approved as written

Treasurer’s Report: Jim reported a current balance of \$1897.80. Forms to update bank signature cards have been signed and Jim will return them to the bank.

Announcements:

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

The resolution developed by JC Dems, asking the legislature to enact legislation to make all county level political races non-partisan, has been submitted to the State Party, was enhanced by Joe Barbuto, and the new version was read and approved at tonight’s meeting and will be introduced at the Aug. 16th-17th meeting of the WDP. Greg Haas, and possibly Bill McIntyre, plan

to attend the state meeting to present and defend the resolution. They will be able to vote and, if supplied the proper forms from Carol Cox and Kathie Day who, by office, are eligible to vote, be able to vote in proxy for them if they are not able to attend in person.

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

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

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

Minutes July 02, 2019

JC Dems Minutes – July 2, 2019 **DRAFT**

In Attendance:

Greg Haas (C), Carol Cox (VC), Lois Petersen (Sec), Bob Day, Bill McIntyre, John O’Laughlin, Will Cox, Jim Shell (T)

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

Meeting was **called to order** at 7:10 pm

Agenda for this meeting and minutes of our May 7 meeting were approved as written – Bill/Bob

Treasurer's Report: Jim reported a current balance of \$1797.80. Bank signature cards need to be updated with current officers – Jim will check into how best to get this done. Greg shared his efforts to correct donation issues within Action Network. Act Blue is now set up to facilitate donations J C Democratic Party.

Announcements:

An upcoming 'Campaign Coaching' session is being offered by the State Party. We all need to get on their email list to be sure of getting notices.

The State Party is now using MobilizeAmerica to communicate and organize event information.

Sarah Hunt has not yet replied to Greg about setting up training in Clearmont to include Dems from Sheridan, Buffalo, and Gillette. Also, she reported probably no staff will be able to help with the parade on 8/3.

Old Business:

Greg has spread sheets that show contact information for registered democrats. His data shows there was a decrease in numbers from Aug. 2018 (321 registered) to Sept. 2018 (285 reg.) He can sort these names by precinct which will help with canvassing. He also has access to Greenwood Maps from the County which provides a great deal of information pertinent during election years.

The [County Elections Resolution](#) was unanimously approved on second and final reading (Bob/Will). Will moved/Bob seconded the motion to submit the resolution at the August State Central Committee Meeting to be considered and approved at the state level. (Motion passed unanimously.)

New Business:

Having held 2 parade committee meetings, Carol reported progress is being made. Bill has agreed to the use of his trailer and truck, we have bunting and banners from last year, and the theme – Year of the Woman – is similar enough to reuse some of the costumes from last year. However, volunteers are desperately needed. They hope to have 5 women on the float and will ask several to serve in this way. Other volunteers are needed to pass out water. Greg will ask Mitch Black about helping again with bottled water. Greg offered 'She Persisted' as a sub-theme for this year's float. Jim and Greg will help with setting up the float. An after-parade potluck picnic will be held in a park covered area. Carol will reserve a park shelter for that day.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

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

Minutes June 4, 2019

JC Dems Minutes – June 4, 2019

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

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

Agenda for this meeting and minutes of our May 7 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Greg read Jim Shell's report, noting the current balance is \$1706.80

Announcements:

- Sarah Hunt offered help from State Dems (WDP) this summer. Greg will contact her about setting up training in Clearmont to include Dems from Sheridan, Buffalo, and Gillette – and also ask for help with the parade on 8/3.
- Nina Hebert asked County Chairs to answer “why I’m a Democrat” and send her a fun photo.
- Joe Barbuto has asked for post cards to be sent to Rodney Knudson who suffered burns from a recent propane accident. Cards can be sent to Rodney Knudson, Room 605, Northern Colorado Rehabilitation Hospital, 4401 Union St., Johnstown, CO 80534
- ActBlue is now set up to facilitate donations to Johnson County Democratic Party and Greg will get that on the jcdemswyo.org website to replace ActionNetwork donation form.

Old Business:

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

“Prominent Women of Johnson County” is the theme for our Aug. 3 Parade. Bill McIntyre offered use of his truck and trailer again this year. Carol Cox, Scott Killian, and Bill McIntyre volunteered to be on the parade committee and will coordinate their efforts with Mike Knebel, Chamber Director. Kathy will

check with Vanessa V for any parade banners, etc. Greg will get count of t-shirts and see about ordering more t-shirts in needed sizes.

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

- WHEREAS hundreds, if not thousands of voters, without switching party affiliation, are unable to vote in Municipal and County partisan primary elections for their candidate of choice and
- WHEREAS partisan primaries and “party switching” creates significant increases in record keeping for election officials and
- WHEREAS “party switching” results in increases of costs and difficulties faced by state parties when attempting to accurately reach out to their members and,
- WHEREAS “party switching” leads to inaccurate counts of party membership, especially in smaller jurisdictions and
- WHEREAS voters who change parties in order to vote in a local primary election are inadvertently locked into affecting a state-level primary race and,
- WHEREAS many municipal elections in Wyoming are already non-partisan
- THEREFORE we hereby RESOLVE that the Wyoming elections statutes be amended to state that “all municipal and county elections in Wyoming” shall be non-partisan.

New Business:

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

parties directly from the JC Dems web page.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50.