

Minutes April 9, 2019

Johnson County Democratic Party County Meeting Minutes

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Call to Order

Attending: Carol and Will Cox, Kathie and Bob Day, Greg Haas (Chair), Lois Petersen (Sec.), Bill McIntyre, Anna Jenkins

Meeting called to order at 7:02, pledge was recited, and introductions were made.

Reports

Minutes of the March 23 JC Convention were projected and handed out in paper copy to those not having received them via email. Bill moved to accept the minutes with one small correction, Bob seconded and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Greg read the report in Jim Shell's absence. After receiving \$201 in donations, and reimbursing \$95.57 for stamps and labels and \$122.50 for post cards, the current balance is \$1529.80.

Chair's Report: Greg read the letter received from Dean Ferguson regarding news from WY State Democratic Party and also shared a sample county resolution drafted by Albany County that will be sent to the State Democrats- its purpose to get the state party to encourage Democrat legislators to draft legislation on the issue.

Old Business

Greg stated a need to meet with county officers to clarify job descriptions and set up access to online resources. Lois moved to meet after tonight's meeting. Carol seconded. Motion was approved. Discussed regular meeting dates and times: Kathie moved to keep our regular meetings at 7 pm at Bomber Mountain, Room 108 on the second Tues of each month. Will seconded. Motion was approved. In response to a question about Wyoming Promise,

Lois shared there will be a retreat April 19-20 at the Ramkota Motel in Casper to develop a strategy for going forward on the effort to limit big/dark money affecting elections. Greg and Lois are planning to attend and will provide a report at the May meeting.

New Business

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

Announcements

The State Central Committee Meeting will be held on Sat., April 27 at the UW Extension Office, 2011 Fairground Road in Casper.

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

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Submitted by Lois Petersen

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Call to order

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

Reports and Announcements

Minutes from March 5th meeting were reviewed. John Tinnen moved to accept as written, Mitch Black seconded and motion carried unopposed.

Treasurer reported checking balance of \$1547.87 which does not include cost of promoting this convention.

Secretary reported 17 registered as voters for this convention.

Election of County Committee Officers

Prior to any nominations, two additional registered democrats arrived and signed in.

Bill McIntyre nominated Greg Haas for Chairman. Kathie Day seconded. Haas accepted nomination. Mitch Black nominated Jim Shell for Chairman, Jim declined prior to a second. Election of Haas as Chair passed by voice vote.

Kathie Day nominated Lois Petersen for Vice Chair seat. Lois declined prior to a second. Mitch Black nominated Carol Cox for the Vice Chair seat. Lois Petersen seconded. Carol accepted the nomination and election passed by voice vote.

Will Cox nominated Jim Shell for Treasurer, Mitch Black seconded. Jim accepted nomination and election passed by voice vote.

There was another person nominated for Treasurer, I think, but it was declined. Was it Bob Day?

Kathie Day nominated Lois Petersen for Secretary seat. Mitch Black seconded. Lois accepted nomination and election passed by voice vote.

Mitch Black nominated Bill McIntyre for State Committeeman seat. Jim Shell seconded. Bill accepted the nomination and election passed by voice vote.

Will Cox nominated Kathie Day for State Committeewoman seat. John Tinnen seconded. Kathie accepted nomination and election passed by voice vote.

Results are as follows:

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

Old Business

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

New Business

A representative from WDP was expected to be at this meeting to provide an update on Wyoming Democratic Party goals and news, as well as answer questions. However, this was not to be.

Greg noted that the State Party has recently been providing more assistance to JC than was evident previously, and that this help is much appreciated. He says the state's Facebook page is a good place to get information. Also, he recommended Nate Martin's

website (betterwyo.org) for good coverage of statewide political issues.

No report on the Nellie Tayloe Ross weekend as no one present at this meeting attended this year.

Greg's Goals as Chair:

He has draft resolutions he may want to propose at an upcoming meeting, designed to help get issues of importance to our county (and to Democrats statewide) in front of legislators.

He noted a goal to raise \$4000 before the next election – money to be used to support candidates in both state and local elections.

He reminded us that there is no one way to meet our goals, and that we should strive to support each other and a variety of efforts to move us together toward our common goals.

Adjournment

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

Next meeting:

April 9th at 7 pm in room 108, Bomber Mountain.

Please note: meetings are regularly scheduled for the first Tues of each month.

Submitted by Lois Petersen

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Call to order

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

Reports and Announcements

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

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

Chairman: Chairman McIntyre not present.

Old Business

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

New Business

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

Adjournment

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

Submitted by Greg Haas, Secretary

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No quorum. Meeting not held.

Submitted by Greg Haas, Secretary

Minutes January 8, 2019

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Call to order

Meeting called to order at 6pm. Pledge was recited. Sign in sheet was circulated. Chairman McIntyre, Treasurer Shell, Secretary Haas and State Committeewoman Vogel were among those present.

Reports and Announcements

Secretary shared the minutes from December 04, 2018. No changes suggested and they'll be filed. Secretary reported JC-FFF has

agreed to make a presentation during February meeting. Secretary reported on receiving feedback per the two motions from 12/04/2018 meeting and intends to have that feedback prepared and sent to the WDP before the end of the coming weekend.

Treasurer's report: \$1377.87, \$88.00, Final check to WDP for \$598.50 has been processed. \$1465.87 current balance. \$2534.13 to raise coffers to \$4000.00.

Chairman: 13Feb through 05March Chair will be gone.

Old Business

See Secretary's report above.

New Business

Chairman explained election rules for electing county party officers. Only precinct committee men and women can vote for the four officers and the two committeemen and committeewomen. Greg moved that the election take place March 23rd, 2019 at 10am, in the Johnson County Library. Kay seconded. Motion passed.

Wyoming Promise is shifting efforts from ballot initiative to legislative activity. Legislation has been introduced in U.S. Congress to promote the 28th amendment (overturning Citizens United supreme court decision and getting "dark money" out of elections). Stay tuned and contact legislators at state and federal level with your opinions.

Wyoming legislative session began today. The <https://www.wyoleg.gov/> website has lots of information and schedules to help citizens contact legislators and be involved.

Joanie shared information about Nate Martin's efforts to facilitate communication with state legislators about particular issues, for instance through a new series of stories he's

calling State of Insecurity. His reporting is a good resource for those interested in progressive and can be found at <https://betterwyo.org/>.

Adjournment

There being no further business the chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:10pm.

Submitted by Greg Haas, Secretary