Ban Books. Ban Speech. Pretend You Support Freedom.

UPDATE: The Campbell County Library Board voted 4-1 to remove the Director.

Just in case you didn't think the fight is real, please note that an organization based in another state is still hard at work banning books in Wyoming. As a result of that organization's efforts, today at 3pm the Campbell County Library Board is planning to meet, probably to fire their award-winning Library Director.

Here's a story about it from the County17.com news outfit.

And some backstory from various sources:

Cowboy State Daily re: rift between county commish and library board members

Casper Star Tribune re: backstory, behind paywall

Gillette News Record re: Director's Award

Gillette News Record re: backstory

Park County Guest Speaker in

August

Check out what Park County Dems are up to!



Here's their post about their August meeting where they'll consider how they might become interesting to the "Youth Vote".

Minutes July 11, 2023

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Johnson County Democratic Party Meeting
July 11, 2023

Call to Order: Chair Greg Haas called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

Agenda: There were no additions to the agenda.

Attendance: Greg Haas, Mary Van Auken, Dudley Case, Sharon Case, Lois Petersen, Kim McCoy, Linda Wilson, Vikki Chenette.

Secretary Report: The Minutes of June 6th were corrected for a typo and will be entered into the record.

Treasurer Report: Dudley reported income and expenses for general and scholarship accounts as of 7/1/23 and provided a printed Balance Sheet, adding that the June 17th event put us in good shape.

Announcements: The Strategic Plan Brainstorming Work session will commence right after adjournment. We will have a guest speaker at the next meeting.

Old Business:
Kim McCoy was appointed Precinct Committee Woman for Precinct 4-8.
Lois reported on the rescheduled Adopt-a-Highway clean-up along 16 West on June 10th. In spite of rain, 6 attended. Another clean-up will be scheduled in September.

About 100 people attended the 3rd annual Sheridan County/Johnson County Potluck Gathering on Saturday, June 17th at Kearney Community Hall. All agreed it was a successful, fun, event which provided opportunities to network, learn, engage, raise funds, and enjoy great food and music. A follow-up Zoom meeting was conducted on 6/23, with feed-back from this and participants noted for the future.

Linda, Suzi, and Lois continue to maintain the Friends Feeding Friends mini-pantry at the Cornerstone Pharmacy. Sponsor signage is under discussion.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Comms Call – Tuesdays 7:00pm
- County Officer Round-table Zoom July 12th
- CCC 8/1 at 6:00pm

- State Central Committee meeting 9/9 & 9/10, Newcastle.

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Agenda July 11, 2023

JC Dems Agenda July 11, 2023 at 6pm
Bomber Mtn Civic Center, Room 108

Minutes June 6, 2023

Johnson County Democratic Party
Meeting Minutes
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June 6, 2023
Bomber Mtn Civic Center, Room 108

Call to Order: Vice Chair Mary Van Auken called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Agenda: There were no additions to the agenda.

Attendance: Mary Van Auken, Dudley Case, Sharon Case, Lois Petersen, Kim McCoy, Vikki Chenette.

Secretary Report: The Minutes of May 2nd were accepted as published on the website.

Treasurer Report: Dudley reported income and expenses for both general and scholarship accounts as of 6/01/23 and provided a printed statement showing amounts received via Act Blue and other donations to the general account this past month. Some tickets for our joint June 17th event have been purchased online, with proceeds split evenly with Sheridan County Democrats.

Old Business: The William D. McIntyre Memorial Scholarship committee met on May 9th to make small revisions to the 2024 Guidelines, Rules, and Application. Dixie McIntyre will join the committee as an Honorary Member. It was decided not to hold a raffle as our fundraising has provided for next year's awards. Following discussion, a motion was made that raffle ticket stub date not be used for contacts and should be destroyed. Motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Lois reported on the rescheduled Adopt-a-Highway clean up along 16 West on June 10th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Meet at the picnic tables where the road widens on the left side as you head towards the mountain. Bags and vests will be provided, bring gloves and pick-up tools if you have any. Several people have said they are planning to attend.

Plans for the 3rd annual County/Johnson County Potluck Gathering, themed "HERE for GOOD" to be held Saturday, June 17th at Kearney Community Hall, were also shared by Lois. Volunteers still needed for some key tasks, live and silent auction

donations, and getting the word out to everyone using a variety of media was emphasized. Vikki reported on the silent auction, and Lois stated David Myers from Sheridan will act as auctioneer for home-baked goods and other live auction donations.

Suzi, Lois, and Vikki have recently maintained the Friends Feeding Friends mini-pantry at the Cornerstone Pharmacy.

Topics at the recent State Central Committee meeting included Messaging, miniVan and Votebuilder, Goal-Setting, Under-35 Engagement, and Voter Registration.

New Business:
A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously that due to the July 4th holiday the next meeting date will be July 11th.

Adjourn
Mary adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

July Meeting Moved to 11th

The July JCDems Meeting will be held on July 11, 2023 at 6pm in the Bomber Mtn Civic Center.

Enjoy your Independence Day!

New Dems Goods in the Shop

Have you seen the new materials on the WyoDems Store?

Take a look. There are still a few days left in Pride Month!

Go to Store

Natrona Reports on Hot Springs Panel

I just LOVE this! Natrona County Dems have a blog entry on their website about a panel put on by the Hot Springs County Dems.

We are Here for Good, Together!

Take a look.

That’s Where I Live



Some folks have arrived!

I asked one of the local musicians at the Johnson/Sheridan County Dems "Here For Good" event last Saturday if he would care to make a statement for the camera as to why he's a Wyoming Democrat. His response cheered me up:

> *"Why a WyoDem? Because that's where I live!"*

(Then he went right back to tuning his fiddle so I didn't get it on camera.)

Anyway, several folks were eager to let it be known! Have a look at all three videos in this YouTube playlist.

Watch In New Window

Please share on your preferred internet whooziedingers as widely as you'd like!

Why are You a Wyoming

Democrat?

This is an interesting little video. Several folks explaining, briefly, why they are Wyoming Democrats.

Click here to watch it.

I got a chuckle last Saturday when I asked one guy why he is a Wyoming Democrat. His response was, “Well, because that’s where I live!”