

Josephine County Democrats
Executive Committee
Minutes: August 25, 2019

Present: Chair Brian Clark, Vice Chair Dorothy Yetter, Treasurer Anita Savio, Secretary Lynda Demsher, delegates Lynda Spangler and Jean Mount

Announcements

Dorothy brought an example of a wine glass with Democrats' sticker for the fund-raiser

Anita said Jamie McLeod-Skinner will be the speaker at our fund-raiser Sept 28

Dorothy is preparing the website josephinedemocrats.org for the 2020 election season and would like to have Democrats post updates about candidates and issues.

Dorothy is having a "Tech Q&A" at 5:30 p.m. September 10, just before the Democrats regular meeting at the UU Church on E Street.

Lynda Spangler and Rick Flora will be giving an update on environmental issues at the Sept. 10th meeting.

Reports:

Anita reported plans for the Sept. 28 fund-raiser are shaping up. A live auction allowing people to help fund ads, postage and other election items will be held with mugs with a Democratic saying on them given to each person who participates. Brian said he is working on getting some people from the state legislature to come but hasn't got confirmations on those he's contacted yet. Any speaker running for election will be allowed to have a table and pass out literature, Anita said. The fund-raiser will be held at Patti Hansen's house but parking will be limited, so the fund-raising committee is working on a ride-sharing method.

Anita brought a potential discrepancy between the Bylaws and the Standing Rules affecting the Treasurer. That issue was referred to the finance committee. Anita also requested a fourth person be recruited for the finance committee to help vet the annual budget and any changes made later. A request will be put out at the next meeting, and Executive Committee members will reach out to people they think might be interested. A request for a training scholarship for people running for office was also referred to the finance committee.

The Membership Committee has some energetic new participants, Dorothy said. They have been busy establishing a list of PCPs who haven't attended meetings for a while to contact, and a list of non-affiliated voters (NAVs) to contact about the need to be registered with a party to vote in the primary.

Brian reported the booth at the Josephine County Fair went well, with no major incidents occurring. He said there was a slight glitch in getting people registered that may have resulted in fewer than he anticipated, but otherwise several people filled out registration paperwork or were registered on the computer, including one who changed from Republican to Democrat.

Actionable Items:

Getting in touch with union representatives for possible speakers at future meetings—Lynda Spangler
Keeping track of candidates and issues and posting information on the web site—Volunteers to be determined

Signing up to help Jamie's campaign for Secretary of State or other candidates. Elizabeth Warren has requested a contact in Josephine County—Lynda Spangler to contact Warren's campaign.

Keep an eye on county government's efforts to bypass public participation in zoning issues—Jean mount
Address request for candidate training with a revised budget—Finance Committee

The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary Lynda Demsher