

September 8, 2020
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Zoom format

The regular meeting of the Josephine County Democrats convened shortly after 7 pm with a flag salute. Chair Brian Clark, Vice-Chair/Campaign Coordinator Lynda Spangler, Treasurer Dorothy Yetter, Secretary Lynda Demsher, Membership Chair/Neighborhood Leader Coordinator Geri Ventura, Events/Office Manager Sheri Morin, Environmental Caucus Chair Richard Flora , Kathy Svensen and five others were in attendance.

The agenda for the meeting was approved. The minutes were approved.

Dorothy reported we had an income of \$2,430 last month, some from sign and campaign swag sales, and others from donations. Our current bank balance is \$7,453. Expenditures have been advertising, more signs and swag, and campaign contributions. The report was approved.

Brian reported the recall effort against Gov. Kate Brown has failed again after falling short of the number of signatures required to get the recall on the ballot. Everyone present was relieved that the recall would not be held to create confusion and drain resources our other candidates need.

Volunteers are still needed for Election Protection starting eight days before the election. Volunteers are tasked with watching ballots being counted to make sure everything proceeds correctly. Members of both parties usually participate. Brian said he would like Democrats to be well represented. He said he also needs people to keep an eye on ballot drop boxes located out in the rural areas where they aren't well protected against vandalism or theft. Those willing to do that can call the office and sign up.

Biden/Harris signs are now available at the office, open noon to 3 p.m. every day now except Sunday. Brian said we have some free Biden signs given to us from another county, but the other county's name has to be covered up or cut off.

Lynda Spangler said she is organizing a small event for Calla Felicity for those in Josephine County's portion of the District she's running in. Candidate forums have been set almost weekly until ballots come out, with an all-candidate's night Oct 7th still pending. Lynda said she's working on getting Alex Spencer, running for Congress in CD2, featured during that event.

Geri said she is getting good response from Neighborhood Leaders who will be working on phone banks and getting postcards out to people on their lists. Geri is also still working on the ad for the Fairgrounds reader board.

There was no business of consequence to discuss from caucus leaders.

Guest speaker was Judge Sarah McGlaughlin, running to retain her seat in the Josephine County Circuit Court, District 14. She was appointed to fill a vacancy a year ago, and says she hears mostly family law cases, but does hear everything from parking ticket appeals to criminal cases as well. COVID-19 has changed the process, and has greatly increased the number of protective orders and child custody cases, where one parent doesn't think the other is following proper COVID protocols. (See newsletter).

