

## **Executive Committee Minutes**

Josephine County Democrats

Nov 22, 2020

ZOOM – 1 pm

A Quorum was present

The Election Committee is sending out a notice to all candidates nominated to be officers in the Josephine County Democratic Central Committee. Dorothy is setting up a way to vote on-line by creating ballots to email to all PCPs. They will confirm if those nominated by others are willing to serve and put out a slate of all who are running for chair, vice-chair, treasurer, secretary and district and state delegates. It was determined that alternate delegates will be selected from runners-up in each category. Current chair Brian Clark said he will not be running for another term. If there are any offices where no one has filed, the Committee will “shake the tree” for appropriate candidates.

Rebecca Anderson was approved to be Chair of the Rules Committee.

The December 8 ZOOM meeting will be the election of new officers and the annual Holiday Party. A raffle fund-raiser is being planned, as well as possible entertainment. A list of donated prizes is being put together.

Brian said the Adopt-A-Highway clean-up has been on hold because of COVID-19 but the roadway along the Redwood Highway is starting to get trashy again so, weather permitting, another workday will be scheduled soon.

Office manager Sheri Morin has been cleaning and re-arranging things in the office after the election. Brian warned anyone planning to go in not to move anything during her after-election cleaning spree.

Membership Committee Chair Geri Ventura reported she is involved in the Swing The Vote project aimed at getting voters out in Georgia to swing the US Senate majority from Republican to Democrat. It's a long shot, since registered Republicans in Georgia outnumber Democrats, but the race is polling very close for both senate candidates. Geri has postcards if anyone is interested in helping send postcards to voters. Phone banking is also needed, she said.

Josephine County Commissioners' recent effort to block enforcement efforts of Governor Kate Brown's COVID lockdown orders has generated complaints from some of our members that their responses to our concerns have bordered on rude. This should be a non-partisan issue, yet they will not come out and publicly support mask-wearing and other public health advice even though cases in Oregon are starting to affect hospital capacity. This creates a defiant attitude in Josephine County that puts lives in danger, those present agreed. Although Democrats are in the minority in the county, it was noted that we need to express our thoughts on the issue in emails to commissioners, public health and in letters to the editor because the commissioners often only hear from the most radical end of the conservative majority in the community. It was also noted that when we are out and see people in grocery stores not wearing masks and behaving

irresponsibly, we should complain to the manager, walk away from our carts of groceries or merchandise, and notify OSHA.

Democrats should also get behind the homeless shelter proposal presented to the Grants Pass City Council. The old UCAN building is perfect for that, Dorothy said, but is generating resistance from the private school nearby and other neighbors.