

Josephine County Democrats

Executive Committee Minutes

April 25, 2021

The ZOOM meeting, with 10 people in attendance, was begun by Chair Dorothy Yetter. Treasurer Colette Storms reviewed the budget, which was approved to send on to the general meeting for PCP approval May 11.

A possible fund-raising meeting for July was discussed but it will depend on the county's COVID status whether it is done in an outdoor setting. Possible locations discussed were a park, a winery, or Climate City's patio.

Membership Committee Chair Geri Ventura outlined her GOTV plan for the May election. She is putting together a list of PCPs for each Executive Committee member to call to remind them of the budget vote, to let them know which candidates and ballot measures we support and ask for their help in getting out the vote. Lynda Demsher will write a calling script draft for the Executive Committee members. Joey will provide the list of candidates and ballot measures we are supporting.

A "Flash Alert" email was discussed for PCPs to remind them of the budget vote.

Communications Chair Patty Downing discussed priority messaging. Through our polling we have come up with six priority areas connected to local issues. These are for telling people who we are and what we support. Jerry Allen volunteered to help come up with simple statements for each priority area we can use to answer the question "what do you stand for?" These will then be backed up by more information. This is for messaging and not an action plan. Patty said we need a strategic plan if we want to accomplish something specific. Lynda Spangler noted we should have something on the county's 2018 Timber Ordinance that expresses where we are on that. The ordinance declares the priority for county-owned land is to use it to maximize the county's financial position.

In other matters Dorothy said she is working on getting the office re-opened and is contacting former volunteers. For the May meeting she has lined up for speakers Barbara Klein for a report on rank-choice voting, someone supporting the Three Rivers school bond, and possibly someone supporting the Grants Pass public safety measure. A fourth speaker is also being considered if it won't make the meeting too long. For the June meeting she may have our state Treasurer and possible the Vice-Chair of the DPO. Jerry suggestion we do a joint meeting at some time with the Jackson County Democrats to find cross-county issues we can all support.

It was decided to put a hold on our monthly socials because of poor attendance.

Lynda S. reported the Environmental Committee is sponsoring a Pipe Creek hike on Mothers' Day. She will be putting out notices on that. Lynda S. will also be hosting an information meeting at her house regarding the proposed fire district.