

Josephine Democrats

Executive Meeting

Feb 3, 2019

Attending:

Chair Brian Clark

Vice Chair Dorothy Yetter

Treasurer Anita Savio

Secretary Lynda Demsher

Janet Bianco, Keven Marr, Michelle Anderson, Jean Mount, Daniel Elash

Executive Action: Dorothy made a motion to accept the treasurer's budget for 2019 pending input from the finance committee on fundraising expectations and to add additional postage and mileage amounts. Anita seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Discussion: Anita presented a proposed budget for anticipated 2019 projecting expenses at \$2853. She assumed lower income this year, since this isn't an election year.

Dorothy discussed getting more Democrats involved in local activism. She suggested having "point persons" who keep track of certain local issues to keep the rest of us informed. There are numerous land issues, fire and smoke issues, city tax issues and others we should be paying attention to so we can be part of the decision-making process. We should also choose a few non-partisan projects, such as the homeless shelter, to raise our profile in the community. She recommended putting together an annual or biannual set of goals to work on.

Encouraging Democrats to run for local offices was also discussed. Republicans have dominated most elected positions, from land commissions to school boards, so we need to get information out to our base and encourage people to run. To do that, we need to develop a comprehensive list of public offices, when they meet, what requirements are for the positions, and what the responsibilities are. Lynda and Brian will work on that.

Michelle introduced the concept of communicating by other than email. She suggested we look at Microsoft Teams and Slack. She said we can create conversations that are easier to follow than emails.

Janet suggested since we haven't found a luncheon coordinator yet, we all take turns. She volunteered to coordinate a luncheon, tentatively pending a family member's health situation.

The Finance Committee still needs a chair.

Agenda Items for Feb 12 meeting:

Working groups and action committees will be asked to meet and get organized. New this year will be the Affordable Housing working group. Standing committees, such as Finance, Communications, etc. should recruit members at this meeting as well.

It was decided to put together a "fire forum" for the March meeting.