

JOSEPHINE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Minutes for Meeting of February 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:07. The flag salute was recited.
Treasurer's Report: about \$3800. Office expenses are about \$150 each month.

Thank you for your help supporting Measure 101. It passed statewide and got 48% of the vote in the County. 28 Neighborhood Leaders signed up. 2600 calls were made with Indivisible's help. Those people contacted were much more likely to vote.

State Senator Jeff Kruse has resigned. Republican PCPs will pick the new person to take his place till 2018 elections.

Platform Convention creates the platform for the Democratic Party in Oregon. Today is the last day to send in your request to attend.

Adopt a Highway Pick up: Thank you for cleaning up! (10 people helped)

Panel of Democrats at GPHS Civics classes. Let Brian know if you are interested in talking with the classes.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

RESIST: Gary Eby – Ralph Bowman will video those who wish to express why they are voting against Greg Walden.

IV Indivisible is having another Democracy at Risk meeting on Freedom of the Press April 8 at RCC in Kirby Ctr.

CITIZENS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE is circulating a Pledge asking our mayors, City Council members and County Commissioners to **support the Paris Climate goals.**

Strengthen relations around the world to protect the planet from climate risks

Support zero waste initiatives and preserving our forests

And to create an Energy Day, support renewable energy resources, support clean .. transportation and support clean energy jobs.

The group voted to adopt the pledge and the petition was passed around for people to sign. Sign up to spend time at the Post Office or other places getting signatures. They will have talking points available.

HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE:

Big Pharma movie on Feb. 26: How the drug industry is bilking us for our medications. 6:30 at UU Bldg.

PCP FORMS: Brian had them available. Please get one if you have not turned one in. Precinct #s are available on the website.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 7 Bond Issue: Bob Bath: North Middle opened in 1967. It is 50 years old. It needs updating for fire codes, earthquake standards, etc. It is CHEAPER TO REBUILD THAN TO REMODEL the Middle Schools! Both schools are overcrowded by 100 students each and it is very easy for dangerous intruders to enter.

EACH of the local schools needs some repair, leaky roofs, flooring replaced, etc. These are desperate needs. The bond issue will be on the May ballot. Please donate, walk precincts, etc. They are asking \$2.35/\$1000 or about \$450 per \$200,000 house. 3 years ago, it was defeated by only 100 votes. The levy would last 25 years.

JIM CRARY running for Walden's seat: Forum, Saturday, Feb. 17th in Medford Library. You can sign petitions for more than one candidate. All 7 candidates agree on the issues.

He ran in 2016. He got 100,000 votes. He stresses campaign finance reform, money has too much influence in politics. Koch brothers plan to spend \$400 million in the 2018 election. He wants public financing of elections. Give every voter \$50 toward local elections. There are 64,000 people in Walden's district.

He wants to raise the cap on Social Security and not tax the first \$30,000. He wants people to pay Social Security on Unearned income too. He is for a transaction tax (on stocks)

He supports unions. "Right to work is a right to kill unions."

Meeting adjourned, 8:40

Pat Bath, Secretary