

JOSEPHINE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
Minutes for Meeting of March 13, 2018

Pledge was recited.

Treasurer's Report: Question was asked regarding the cost of the office. The office space is an in-kind contribution, but we still need to pay for electric, phone and internet.

A fundraiser is being planned for June 23 at Woodridge Winery.

As an ongoing fundraiser, suggested local Democrats donate \$25 for a membership card, which will include name, length of time and a number. We will have a contest to design the card. Cost would be \$25/year with additional contributions netting a pin and hat.

Elections: Precinct Committee Persons: 47 out of 64 are on the ballot. There were only 17 elected last election! Please sign up if you are not one. You can be a write-in candidate if you are not on the ballot. You just need 3 votes to win. Terms run for 2 years. Only Elected Precinct Committee Persons are allowed to vote for JCDCC officers.

COUNTY ELECTIONS: 8 are running for County Commissioner: 5 Republicans, 3 Non-affiliated voters (NAV) and 1 Constitution Party.

County Clerk: 2 Republicans are running so there will be no primary. The present County Clerk, Rhiannon Henkels will run against Sandy Cassenelli in November.

The sheriff's race will also be held in November as only 2 are running. Sheriff Daniels is running against a former deputy from Arizona sheriff Arpaio's office. Both are Republicans.

Ralph Bowman has finished the video. He is hoping to show it on public TV. It should be on the website soon. 8 people participated.

Committees:

Resist: IV Democrats will present AT RISK # 2, a panel discussion on **April 8 from 3-5** in Kirby at the RCC Learning Ctr. **Jeff Riley, Scott Stoddard** and others will discuss Fake News and Freedom of the Press on a panel discussion. This is a non-partisan event.

5 important questions: How do news outlets verify their stories?
How can we tell the difference between real and fake news or news and propaganda?

Why is a free press important to safeguard Democracy?

Where has freedom of the press been curtailed?

Environment: The Climate Change Pledge has 70 signatures. Richard, Gary and Dusty, Linda and others will have a table in front of the Post Office. You can sign it on the website! If you have not signed it, please sign it before you leave tonight! If you would like to take a copy home to get more signatures, please do so and bring it back next month. Let us know if you can help with tabling!

LNG Jordan Cove: A summary will be posted on the website.

Health Care: Jean Mount spoke about concerns about Josephine County Public Health possibly being privatized.

And whether Non-affiliated voters realize they can't vote in the primaries

Peter Kolb spoke about an interactive website and passed out a questionnaire about his idea.

Tim Ream of KS Wild spoke on "Wildfire and Logging on Our Public Lands." Siskiyou public lands have the largest collection of wild and scenic rivers outside of Alaska. He said logging increases the fire risk. The hottest fires are likely to happen in places that have been managed rather than those left alone.

The Pickett forest land is now called the Clean Slate! He says it would take the big fire-resistant trees from the forest and cause greater increase in fire danger. Salvage logging is very bad. Clean Water Act draft permit would force loggers to follow the Clean Water Act

Tripp Androy is running for County Commissioner. He grew up here, went away to school including to Harvard (MBA), and was a legal intern for Dutch Bros. E-mail him at Tripp@TrippAndroy.com or his website www.TrippAndroy.com.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50.
Pat Bath, Secretary