

Josephine County Executive Committee meeting notes – August 22nd, 2021

1. Brief discussion about recalling county commissioners

- a. Dorothy brought up whether we should try recalling more than just Herman Baertschiger, as Geri previously recommended going after DeYoung.
- b. Suggestion to contact past letter to the editor writers to assist in writing about upcoming recalls
- c. Suggestion to post a survey on the website to which commissioner and on what grounds, which may speed up the collection of information
- d. Someone has started a recall Facebook page
- e. Each recall requires a chief petitioner and 6,000 signatures

2. Geri's resignation as Membership Committee chair, NLP organizer and member of the Communication Committee

- a. Will learn/resume VAN access? Geri and Dorothy to offer training
 - i. Collette, Rebecca, Lynda Spangler, Joey and Elva agreed to attend training session
 - ii. A survey link will be sent out to figure out the best time to meet
- b. Communication Committee will leave Dorothy, Patty, Lynda Demsher and Collette as the core members

3. Fair business

- a. Collette suggested using the information listed on the Pipe Fork petition for signing up people to our newsletter.
- b. We budgeted \$510 for the 2021 fair, but spent \$1,300
- c. Most volunteers agree that the conditions for the fair were poor (smoke, high heat and COVID), and not many visited the booth or signed up to be on the newsletter
 - i. Brian mentioned he collected some data that suggests approximately 5% of fairgoers were wearing masks (this was from inside the tabling building).
- d. The signatures collected for the Pipe Fork petition will be photocopied and sent to Cheryl (sp?)
- e. Collette will submit newsletter signups to VAN using an activity code that gives info as to the source of the signup

4. Renewal of Josephine County Democrats website

- a. Discussion on whether we should sign a 1, 2 or 3-year contract (\$287 for 2 years)
- b. Organizing a marketing meeting with Dave @ Birdnest Consulting
 - i. Patty, Collette, Dorothy and Kevin will attend someday in the morning
 - ii. The website's host will not be changed to avoid the time it takes for migration
- c. Help is needed with the editing of the website; Wordpress is used to publish content

5. Josephine County Democrats tagline

- a. The two previously decided taglines were:
 - i. “For the people, by the people, working for you” and
 - ii. “Dedicated to making people’s lives better”
 - iii. The committee decided to shorten the first tagline to “Working for you”, as it is more concise.

6. Newsletter translator

- a. A Spanish translation of our newsletter will soon be available
- b. Will need someone able to fluently read Spanish to proof the newsletter
 - i. Possible proofers could be one of Dorothy’s clients or a paid proofer

7. Next General Meeting will be at Unitarian Universalists (UU)

- a. Doors at 6:30 pm for social, 7:00 pm begins the business meeting
 - b. Brady and Jerry say that UU is closed to the public, but Dorothy and Kevin say that with masks (mandated) and proof of vaccination, we can attend in-person for JCD meetings.
 - c. This meeting will be a sort-of “open mic night” where attendees can voice their opinions, frustrations, concerns, etc. for 3 minutes; we may have topics to stick to.
 - d. Dorothy will be doing a practice setup on Friday, August 27th at 11 am at UU
 - e. Instead of a potluck we’ll tell people to bring their own sack dinner
8. The PCP Manual is still being edited by the Communication Committee
9. Dorothy is meeting with 4 to 5 high school students and is looking for ideas on how to help them. They say they want to stay independent and not be part of a party. Suggestions included helping them register other students to vote and doing a senior project on politics. Kevin pointed out Democrats used to go to Senior Government classes in the spring.
10. The first Podcast has been put out. Lynda S. and Brady say don’t be shy with suggestions for improvement.