

## Dems Meeting, IV Center, 10.21.17

Present: Joe, Nicole, Anita, Nancy G., Dave, Jim, Joan, Gary, Nancy L., George, Cathy.

Anita, Vice Chair, motion, seconded, all in favor, passed

Cathy agreed to be temp sec

Minutes reviewed – Nancy L. read minutes, moved to approve, seconded, approved

Treasurers report: \$56 now \$85. The bill for room rental (\$45 per quarter) was applied to wrong quarter. Donations collected. A motion was made to approve Treasurer's report, seconded, passed

JoCo Dems Update: Gary: reminder to check out the JoCO Dems website. Healthcare warning, election in January, if voted in, 375k OHP recipients will be off the rolls. This is HB2391. Questions were raised about if this is in reaction to budget cuts that the state must deal with due to deficit and what other choices were then possible to reduce shortfall. Gary reported more information would be coming and discussion tabled until next meeting.

The monthly Democratic Women's Lunch in GP is now open to either gender.

IV Indivisible is hosting "Democracy at Risk," a panel and discussion on four political topics on Sun., Nov 5, at IVHS Commons: 4-6 pm.

Letter to the editor review: Nicole read letter, and remarked that she had to use her name as per newspaper policy. She doesn't want to reply if any responses come in paper as other public roles wouldn't make it wise for her to engage in ongoing debate. Others talked about writing letters to keep discussion afloat.

Actions, rallies, marches? Nov 4: Refuse Fascism; Oct 22: Uniting for Justice.

George, while at Friends of Chateau event, asked Representative Carl Wilson about his thoughts on Climate Change. He wasn't given anything specific in reply.

Who will be stirred politically here and by what? George started conversation to get us talking about their thoughts. Go round:

- Nancy: youth care about environment. We could try posting simple messages that would educate people about what our party does for it as many unaware, such as: "If you want to protect the environment, you need to be a dem"
- Gary: why do leaders lie, we need the truth = can't make good decisions with lies
- Joan: lack of logging, wages that can support a family
- Jim: money without destroying forest, nickel mine will ruin Rough and Ready
- Dave: opportunity, lack of knowledge (don't know why things are in place)
- Nancy G: homeless, we have a responsibility to them
- Anita: can't rely on compassion, need to appeal to self-interest and government programs support a lot of people's self interest
- Nicole: environmental focus, education about how dems support entitlements
- Joe: environmental focus
- Cathy: compassion, working with homeless in downtown=jobs
- George: environment, nickel mine, dignity, homeless
- Cathy: what are dems doing? What are we doing that makes us worth voting for? How about a day of service in downtown CJ?

- Gary: how do we engage people in conversation, no one trusts the dems, alienation
- Anita: people don't know anything, open to door knocking

George summed up that it seemed we had three categories of approach to engage nonvoters: Environment, Jobs/wages, and social service/compassion/education. Nicole suggested that everyone bring a proposal of how to approach the area that interests them this next meeting.

Dome school bazaar is first weekend in December. Nicole, Anita, Nancy G., and a friend she'll recruit will cover table. To be scheduled through email group. Dems pay for the table, moved to approve, seconded, passed

Peter Defazio: Nicole reported that we can't campaign for DeFazio until after primary to be fair to other potential democratic candidates. We reviewed his recent voting record and some other facts about him.

Medicare for all: tabled till later time. Gary will present.

Anita requests list of people who attend meetings to have names, etc., need emails and phone numbers for everyone. Gary and Joan volunteered to write letters to editor.

Anita presents next: sentencing reform

Adjourned