

Josephine County Democrats

Minutes: June 11, 2019

Present: Chair Brian Clark, Vice Chair Dorothy Yetter, Treasurer Anita Savio, and about 30 others.

Action: First order of business, approval of the Mays minutes. Treasurers report is on the website.

Financial Committee report of actions being taken for fundraising ie; handwritten letter went out to approx. 20 previous donors asking for continued support. There is a phone script for phone banking asking for support to another 60 previous donors, but also getting opinions. Phone bank be held on June 19th. A member survey is also going out.

Brian gave a report on the SCC meeting in Prineville. It was mostly a debate about censoring the Chair. Not much business was achieved. The meetings business will be finished online.

CD 2 Delegate Michelle Anderson talked about starting a Stonewall Caucus and how there is work to be done to bring awareness about the people who are anti LGBTQ running for local offices and how important it is for this community to be welcomed and heard.

Bylaw changes were approved after amendments. These included:

- “Action Committees” to identify groups and topics are now “Caucuses” with an expansion of autonomy from the Central Committee. Each caucus can create their own events, fundraising and meetings. They will be required to have a minimum of (3), including a Chair and a Secretary, to be considered a ‘Caucus” and they can bring motions for consideration to the Central Committee meeting.
- Allows Chair to appoint Delegates for voting, if needed at current SCC meeting

Approved Changes to Standing Rules

- Addition of process for travel reimbursements. Original term was “Travel Grant” and amended to Travel reimbursement. This money is for travel expenses to SCC and CD meetings to be used for gas only. Another amendment approved was that the reimbursement must be requested within 30 days of the meeting.

Announcements: Our first “Hang Out” June 19th at 6p, Double Taps Grants Pass shopping center. Josephine County Fair booth has been purchased, more information and sign up for volunteering at the booth will be available at July’s meeting. The first Democrats Debate 6/26, it was discussed having it at the UU and /or someone’s house. Information will be available on the website and email. Jackson County have debate details on their website.

Reports: Environment Chair Richard Flora, discussed the big push against the LNG pipeline. There is information on the website, about the debates for and against. HB 2020 passed in the joint committee, more information on SOCAN.eco website, there is an amendment in favor of the oil companies. SUWA has a short film out about expanding the Wilderness areas in Utah, encouraged all to watch it.

Speaker:

No speaker this month

Discussion: Strategic Plan: Need to update Democratic principles. It is important that goals be met by May 2020. The need to get donations up is a focus, and the Strategic Plan will show planning, and real actions to reach our goals. The plan is going to be finalized and voted on at the July meeting. Current version of plan is available on the website

Committees

Actionable Items:

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The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Acting Secretary Sheri Morin