

**Josephine County Democrats  
Executive Board – July 28, 2019  
Minutes:**

**Present:** Chair Brian Clark, Vice-Chair Dorothy Yetter, Treasurer Anita Savio, Secretary Lynda Demsher, District representatives Michelle Anderson, Jean Mount, and Janet Bianco

**Action:**

The Board voted to spend up to \$610 for expenses related to their booth at the Josephine County Fair. This includes booth rent, passes for volunteers, and printed material. The vote was five in favor with one abstaining. Printing for some items will also come under the Young Dems and NAVs outreach budget. The Board voted to review the 2019 budget and make relevant adjustments at the August Executive meeting.

**Announcements**

Volunteers are still needed for shifts in the Fair booth Aug 14-17. A sign-up sheet is being circulated. Two volunteers per shift are needed. Two hour shifts begin at 10 a.m. and end at 10 p.m.

There will be Conflict Training Aug. 8 at 5:30 p.m. at Loree Arthur's place in Grants Pass.

**Reports:**

Treasurer Anita Savio reported a letter and phone bank fund-raising effort has brought the treasury up to \$4,115. She said the phone bank seemed to yield more donations than the letters, and thought making a personal connection was important. Others present said phone calling is difficult because people screen their calls, don't answer, and don't return calls asking for money. Letters allow people to send donations if they can. After a discussion it was decided all fund-raising approaches are needed.

Anita also reported on plans for a Fall fund-raiser at Patti Hansen's house. She said she and Brian paid a visit to Patti's place, and discussed formats for the fund-raiser, possibly inviting a politician as guest speaker, or putting together an informative panel of people from a local progressive organization. She said Patti advised we should probably not have a silent auction since those don't raise much money, and instead, "auction" expenses for things needed for the next election, such as Facebook ads. Food could be a selection of items from Cartwrights' or appetizer trays from a local restaurant. Dates discussed were late September or early October. It was suggested someone check local calendars to see if there are any events that could cause a conflict, and check with Patti to make sure she will be available.

Dorothy reported the Membership Committee has come up with a slate card with what happens if Trump is elected on one side, and what happens if a Democrat is elected on the other to hand out to non-affiliated voters thinking about joining a party so they can vote in the primary. She said the

committee has also come up with a postcard-sized information card to give voters instruction on how to register with a party.

The slate cards and voter information cards will be available at the fair booth, and also later for voter registration efforts.

Dorothy also reported the fair booth will have a hot spot and ability to register voters there on-line, and they are planning a coloring contest for kids with three awards of ice cream gift cards or something similar at a cost of about \$30. Since the fair only gives out a limited number of passes for organizations with a booth, the budget for the fair booth, which was set at \$500, will have to be expanded to include printing, the \$270 for the booth, \$160 for fair passes for volunteers, and \$100 in parking passes.

Brian said the money budgeted to have someone go to a training for people who want to run for office hasn't been used yet, as we don't have anyone who wants to run for anything during the next election.

Dorothy recommended some rules changes based on her involvement with a Robert's Rules of Order class.

Michelle reported that the Stonewall Caucus met and voiced their concerns and are trying to come up with solutions.

**Speaker:**

There will be no speaker at the August meeting. Instead, Caucuses will give reports, and we will work on finalizing our strategic plan.

**Actionable Items:**

Further study of fund-raising methods in general, and refining plans for the Fall fund raiser. The Fund-raising committee will meet at noon next Friday to iron out details.

The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary Lynda Demsher