

## **Minutes**

Executive Meeting

October 27, 2019

Submitted by Sec. Lynda Demsher

The meeting began at noon. Present: Chair Brian Clark, Vice-Chair Dorothy Yetter, Treasurer Anita Savio, Secretary Lynda Demsher, Events/Office Chair Sheri Morin, and caucus representatives Michelle Anderson, Jean Mount and Janet Bianco, Jerry Reed, Colette Storms, Bonnie Cameron, Jean Mount, and Lynda Spangler.

### **Action:**

- Agreed to set up a committee to work on a possible Volunteer of the Year award with Anita gathering people's thoughts about that.
- Colette Storms was approved as Chair of the Membership Committee after Dorothy Yetter stepped down.

### **Reports:**

- Anita read the thank you letter being sent to donors, compiled by Bette Mathis to be signed by Brian.
- Volunteer of the Year discussion – Anita brought up the possibility of recognizing people who have done a lot of work for Josephine County Democrats with an annual award. Others commented we can do a special recognition of people's efforts anytime. Anita agreed to get input from others regarding the matter before bringing up for a vote. Dorothy said if we had such an award a criteria would have to be established and a decision made on what kind of award.

**Membership Committee** – Colette will chair the committee and said goals include increasing PCPs, contacting inactive ones, and creating a list of NAVs (non-affiliated voters) by precinct so they will have lists for phone banking, tabling and canvassing. Work is being done to contact young NAVs at the high school and community college in Grants Pass. Brian and Dorothy have also been meeting with representatives from Indivisible to work on educating NAVs that in Oregon they must be registered to vote with a party to participate in a primary.

**Rules Committee** – Dorothy said they are calling PCPs who attend sporadically and telling them we need a quorum for an important vote at the Nov. 12 meeting.

**Campaign Committee** – Lynda Spangler said she has reached out to all four Secretary of State candidates to give them the opportunity to request an endorsement. They need to send pertinent information and their primary objectives for the position to be considered. She is also contacting the person running against DeFazio in the primary for his position. Doyle Canning, who lives in Eugene, is focusing on environmental issues, Lynda said. At November's meeting, the committee will be asking the Central Committee to vote to endorse all or none, or vote NOT to endorse all or none. This paves the way to endorse individual candidates, and there can be more than one person in a primary endorsed.

**Finance Committee** – Anita went through the budget and compared what we had budgeted to how our income and expenditures are shaking out. We got almost twice what we anticipated from the Fund Raiser in September, but a little less than half the one-time donations we anticipated. Overall expenses were higher than anticipated, showing we've been engaged in a lot of activity, she said. Anita went over other formats for setting up the budget for 2020, and discussed what to do with money raised by caucuses. Dorothy recommended getting state help on that one. Anita also reminded everyone now on the expanded list of people able to use the Democrats' credit card to make sure the treasurer is informed of every expenditure done that way. At the September Executive Committee meeting, a motion was put

forth and approved unanimously for the issuing of debit cards immediately against the checking account number ..... at ..... bank to the four Financial Committee members: namely Brian Clark , Dorothy Yetter, Anita Savio and Lynda Demsher."

**Communication Committee** - Lynda asked Caucus participants to send in information for the newsletter. She will develop an email list of newsletter contributors and remind them of deadlines. Lynda also agreed to take over the Twitter account.

### **Announcements:**

- Brian said at 10 a.m. Monday a safety officer will be at the office looking at ways to keep the office more secure and how to deal with intruders.
- Brian is still trying to get an estimate on fixing the roof. He said many roofing contractors are booked past the rainy season.
- Brian reported that he looked into getting a sign made to put out on the street corner for better visibility and Logan's will do it for just under \$200. It will then cost about \$150 to get a permit for it from the city. After a discussion, Jean and Sheri volunteered to share the cost of the sign, while Janet said she'd put \$100 toward the permit.
- Sheri proposed holding an Open House at the office for either Nov. 9 or 11<sup>th</sup>. The date wasn't set pending the completion of the corner sign.
- A Christmas party for the December meeting is being planned at a winery. Dorothy will get more information as plans finalize.
- Dorothy announced she has been appointed to Josephine County's ad hoc Fire Protection Committee.
- It was also announced that a permanent luncheon organizer is needed.

The meeting adjourned to an instruction session for those learning to post events to the website led by Dorothy.

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### **Possible actions arising from this meeting:**

1. Recruitment of a new luncheon coordinator.
2. Work with the Membership Committee to get NAVs to choose a party and young people to register to vote.
3. Finalize plans for the Christmas Party
4. Get a sign to go on the corner below the office for better visibility.