

Josephine County Democrats

Executive Meeting

Thursday 5/21/2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

(Electronic Meeting}

Discussion—Primary Election--What worked, what didn't. Poll for Dems who didn't vote?

More voter education is needed so voters know local elections are just as important to them as national elections. The results of this year's primary demonstrate how every vote counts, since some races were very close. Kevin Marr said we need to increase the percentage of Democrats voting in order to be more of a force in the community. Dorothy suggested a strategy meeting where we can look at a series of ways to inspire voters through educational campaigns and ads. Kevin suggested we be careful with endorsements. Geri Ventura said although we didn't endorse local candidates, putting them on our slate card gave the impression we endorsed them. It was agreed to reexamine our endorsement process and slate card selections.

Committee Reports

Rules Committee Chair Geri Ventura reported after doing some research it was her opinion our rules didn't need to be changed to accommodate electronic meetings. Notification rules need to apply for our Central Committee meetings, but not for Executive Committee meetings. It was a general consensus that we should have a regular date for Executive Committee meetings two weeks before the regular meeting. Sundays at noon seemed to work well for everyone. The possibility of holding meetings outdoors in a park was brought up, but that was put off until more is known about COVID-19 spread after the community re-opening. **Finance Committee** Chair Dorothy Yetter reported that we are in good shape financially and have received donations in response to our newsletter solicitations. She said we need to expand our base of donors through our social media accounts and a good fund-raising strategy. **Campaign Committee** Chair Lynda Spangler said our candidate forums turned out well but more needs to be learned about non-voters as we move into the November election. She said we are getting more influential in the community, as evidenced by the close race between commissioner candidates Herman Baertschiger and Nathan Seable. **Membership** Chair Collette Storms said her committee's focus will be on get-out-the-vote strategies, concentrating on registered Democrats. Collette expressed interest in taking over the Neighborhood Leader program but said she needs to learn more about it first. It was also suggested we work on getting inactive PCPs more involved. Chair Brian Clark reported we still don't have people on the **Election Committee**, so he will call those who headed it up last time to see if they will participate again.

Endorsements--SD1--Kat Stone, HD1--Calla Felicity

Endorsements of all Democrats will be made after a review of our application process.

Incorrect Ballots/registration

Errors were reported by four people who changed from NAV to Democrat, but got NAV ballots anyway. The county clerk will be consulted to see what went wrong.

Ideas for Socials

It was suggested we continue our monthly socials and try to increase participation. Michelle Anderson suggested playing a game on ZOOM, and she will look into how that will work.

Fair Plan

It was suggested we cancel our booth at the Josephine County Fair and get our \$300 back, but we have time before the deadline to collect so we will see if any more information comes out about how fair organizers will handle booths if the fair does open in some form.

Office

Brian said he has had a lot of calls from people requesting Biden signs. He said if the office reopens we should see people by appointment only, no more than two people in the office at a time, require people to wear masks when they come in, and have them maintain a 6-foot distance while there. Dorothy said she will put our internet access there on "vacation" so we will only be paying \$10 a month to keep it instead of \$50 since we aren't using it right now.

June meeting plans

Brian will call Calla Felicity to see if she will join our June meeting.

