

Josephine County

Executive Committee Meeting

January 6, 2019

Present: Chair Brian Clark, Vice Chair Dorothy Yetter, Treasurer Anita Savio, Secretary Lynda Demsher, Office Manager/Special Events coordinator Sheri Morin, CD delegates Janet Bianco, SCC Delegate Kevin Marr and CD2 Delegate Michelle Anderson.

Those present unanimously approved the following Standing Committee Chairs:

Campaign – Lynda Spangler

Communications – Lynda Demsher

Finance – Still recruiting a chair

Membership – Kevin Marr

Rules – Dorothy Yetter

Other appointments included Sheri Morin as Office Manager/Special Events coordinator. Still needed are an outreach chair for Young Democrats and a Parliamentarian.

The agenda for the January 15 meeting will include speakers Kathie Saunders, District Coordinator for Josephine County TaxAide and TaxAide volunteer Dorothy Yetter who will be giving an overview of the 2017 Tax Reform Bill and how it affects your taxes. A discussion of filling committee chair vacancies and finding an appropriate parliamentarian will also take place.

Kevin reported that an effort is underway to provide sheltering for the homeless during cold weather. He said Democrats could work with other community groups, including Republicans on this effort as a project. Dorothy pointed out one of the goals we adopted was affordable housing and this would fit in. Kevin suggested we get someone involved in the effort to speak at our February meeting, and form a committee to work with the community toward providing a shelter and volunteers to help run it. He will contact leaders of the group for a speaker.

What to do about the Democrats' Luncheon? Is it a meeting for people who come to hear a speaker or should it be more of a forum for current local issues and events? Until that is decided and a coordinator found to lead it, our regular fourth Thursday luncheon will be postponed. Lynda pointed out the purpose of the luncheon had been 1-expand Democrats presence in the community, 2-recruit new people who might not go out to night meetings, and 3-provide a place where progressive people can feel comfortable talking about progressive issues in our predominately conservative county.

Luncheon Coordinator's duties were established. Duties include, secure a location (Climate City will host upon notification), establish the next luncheon date (usually the fourth Thursday), get a meeting notice in the paper (Communications Chair usually does this), and send reminders to regular attendees. Since it isn't easy getting speakers for two Democratic functions in a month, an idea put forth was to turn it into a discussion group focusing on a different topic each month, with members researching different aspects of a chosen topic and reporting back to the group. It was also suggested people could take turns leading the meeting each month.