

Executive Committee

Josephine County Democrats

March 28m 2022

The meeting, on Zoom, began with an update on the I Resolve issue in public schools.

Getting the Neighborhood Leader program organized and reminding people who haven't submitted paperwork to the County Clerk to write themselves in if they want to become PCPs.

The DPO Check for Democracy grant was discussed. In order to access it we have to write a proposal showing how we would use the money to increase our visibility in the community. Office Manager Sheri Morin suggested a new office but Brian Clark reminded her the grant is around \$500 or less. Colette and Sheri will work on a proposal.

Regarding relocating the office to a more accessible place, Sheri said she has had real estate agents looking and she is looking for possibilities we could afford

Sheri is checking into getting a booth at the Josephine County Fair and a table at Boatnik. Dorothy and Colette will check into the fair booth. Lynda Spangler suggested we have a presence at the Merlin Craft Fair as well. She will check into that. She suggested the Democracy grant proposal be for money for renting tables at events. This would provide our candidates a place to hang out as well. Brady Keister suggested the Blackberry Festival in Cave Junction as well.

SEC meeting reports. Sheri said she could only attend one day but it was informative and focused on common goals. A salary for the DPO chair was also debated and Democrats were encouraged to stay in contact with school boards. Other topics were on building the party and getting younger people involved. Brady also attended and went to the Gun Owners Caucus where the concern was suicide prevention. Dorothy said we need to have a Gun Owners Caucus meeting to discuss that further. Brady noted the SEC meeting seemed to get bogged down in rules and resolutions as well as arguments about pronouns and obscure issues. Dorothy said everyone should go at least once to see how the "sausage" is made. Lynda Spangler said the Democratic Party is a big tent and attracts a very diverse group. Brian said he heard the meeting was the best one in a long time.

Lynda Spangler reported the April 12 Commissioner Candidate Forum will have all the candidates present, plus Tobias Read, a Democratic primary candidate for Governor. He will come in over Zoom prior to the Forum. She said Joe Yetter, a Democratic candidate for Congress in CD2 will be at Climate City April 9 at 3 pm for a meet-and-greet. Planning is underway for a fund-raiser for Brian DeLaGrange at Climate City with the date to be announced. His campaign is also being contacted to find out what he needs help with and how we can get the Neighborhood Leaders to participate and if we should do a texting campaign.

Sheri said she will be holding an Open House at the office April 30 from 10 am to 4 pm. Brian noted that the April highway cleanup will be Saturday, the 28.

Dorothy said we need to organize an informational sheet about who our candidates are and what our recommendations are on the ballot measures.