

Executive Committee

Josephine County Democrats

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1. The Health Caucus is back. Tracy Thompson is the new chair. He's looking for members now.
2. NAV Outreach...DPO is doing state-wide Zoom phone banks to target NAVs. They will help us set one up if we decide to do this.
3. Do we want to support the levies? Those present approved support of the jail/juvenile detention and the animal shelter levies. We will put our approval in the newsletter and on Facebook. Phone calls and texts were ruled out this election.
4. Check for Democracy. Colette needed to know what to tell donors about where their money would go. Mainly for voter outreach and voter reminders such as texting.
5. The Office. Should we open the office three days a week with limited hours or one day a week from 10 a.m. to 7 pm? Office Manager Eva Manquera said it might be hard to get volunteers to work shifts all on the same day. Tracy asked if there was a way to make the office more visible. Brian Clark said he looked into a sign for the corner but was told by the city that was illegal. It was recommended that the current sandwich board be propped up on the landing when the office is open. People suggested we put balloons, a flag sign or a "dancing man" up when the office is open. It was suggested we give something away when we're open. Eva will look into the cost of attractants and post a survey for volunteer hours.
6. Chair Dorothy Yetter talked about mini-volunteer tasks. Monitoring the county's website, monitoring county commissioners' agenda and minutes, monitoring Facebook pages and websites of our opposition, look for possible call-to-action issues, help with the podcast, pay attention to right-wing media. Dorothy suggested volunteers monitor organizations we are aligned with and put a blurb about their latest activities in our newsletter or on our web page with a link.
7. Tracy asked how we can get more "Joey and Evas" (young people) on board. Campaign Committee Chair Joey DeShields said when COVID subsides they will set up an informational table at RCC as that's where the youth in the county are. Eva said we need to be more visible where Grants Pass youth hang out but no one knew where that was. It was suggested we put forward issues that appeal to young people, like climate change. Lynda Spangler said younger people are usually too consumed by life issues to get involved. Colette Storms said she signed up several people at the Women's Rally. Dorothy said getting out and being active in the community helps show people Democrats are not the demons Republicans make them out to be. Eva suggested a "people piece" on our members in the newsletter.
8. Joey said he has been talking to several potential candidates for the next local elections.