

Josephine County Democrats

Minutes: September 22, 2019, 10 a.m

Present: Chair Brian Clark, Vice Chair Dorothy Yetter, Treasurer Anita Savio, Secretary Lynda Demsher, Office Manager/Events Coordinator Sheri Morin, Stonewall Caucus Chair Michelle Anderson, and Delegate Janet Bianco.

Action:

Voted that only Committee Elected Executive Committee members (chair, vice chair, treasurer, secretary) have authority to sign a contract after expenditure is approved. This to be added to the Standing Rules with Central Committee Vote.

Voted to authorize change of quorum from 25% to 10 PCPs for presentation to Central Committee for approval.

Voted to allow the vice chair and secretary to have a debit card for our bank account. Needs Central Committee approval.

Reports – Brian is looking into the possibility of renting chairs for the Fall Fundraiser from the UUs for 50 cents each. Janet Bianco has two or three additional tables she can loan for use at the fundraiser. Brian could use help setting up Friday, Sept. 27th. So far we have 44 tickets sold and 52 attendees committed. Anita will have Cartwrights make up enough deli trays for 65 people.

-Anita would like to revisit bylaws and make sure they line up with standing rules concerning the role of the Finance Committee.

-Brian said nothing has been done about the leaky office roof. It was decided to get two bids for fixing it and present them to Kevin Marr to communicate to the owner of the building.

-Dorothy now has a script for people making voter registration calls to NAVs on the VAN. Two new people have volunteered to help, focusing on younger voters.

-Dorothy said she is willing to pay for the Hot Spot internet connection, with reimbursement for the times it's being used for Democrats' business.

-After the fund-raiser this Saturday, activities will shift to the upcoming elections and voter registration. Lynda will put together a flyer that explains Oregon's primary, and a voter registration poster.

-Candidate County Organizers are needed. Lynda Spangler has indicated she will be Elizabeth Warren's. Dorothy is JC organizer for Jamie McLeod-Skinner's Secretary of State campaign.

-Dorothy is preparing voter registration materials to place at UCan in Grants Pass and hopes to do a registration drive there as long as it's non-partisan.

-A request was made to use our office for Climate Emergency meetings. Sheri will coordinate, and work on reconfiguring space for 2020 candidates who need space. Sheri will also funnel meeting times to Dorothy for the website. Those using the office need to sign an agreement they won't disclose the lock code to anyone else, however.

-Brian said he will check on getting a sign made to put out near the road with the other signs from businesses in the building.

-Michelle said the Stonewall Caucus won't have a booth at the Oct. 12 Pride event because there are none left. She will look into the possibility of sharing a booth with another group.

Preparation for October meeting:

Someone to explain the Fire District proposal on the November 5 ballot from Rural Metro was suggested as a speaker for the October meeting.

The change in the number of PCPs present at a meeting for a quorum will be presented at the October meeting, then voted on at the November meeting.

Actionable Items:

Fall Fund-Raiser activities, ticket sales

VAN access for informing voters about Oregon's closed primary

Preparing materials for voter registration – flyer and poster

Think about how to wake up apathetic voters

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by Sec. Lynda Demsher