

## JCDCC Board meeting

Feb. 27, 2017

**Action:** The Josephine County Democratic Central Committee Board approved unanimously to take the offer of a free office on the corner of C and 7<sup>th</sup> streets. However, although the offer is for free space, some members wanted to make sure expenses for utilities and internet service would be affordable.

**Action:** The board approved of spending about \$100 on light refreshments for the March 14 meeting. Cookies, coffee and water will be offered.

### Discussions:

- Having an office on a busy corner will help give Democrats more visibility, provide a place for committees to hold meetings, and a place to store items belonging to JCDCC. That was the conclusion after a discussion concerning the viability of keeping an office. Office hours could be limited to two afternoons or mornings a week, depending on available volunteers. A phone will be necessary as well, the group concluded. The first thing that will have to be done is find an office manager – a volunteer who can take charge of getting the office up and running.
- What is our relationship with Indivisible? The Board concluded that Democrats network, but not be an official part of the group organized to protest Trump Administration policies and cuts. Democrats will also work with Indivisible, sharing information and event postings when it benefits both organizations.
- Democrats in the community? It was proposed we ask, either by email or by circulating a form, how members of JCDCC contribute to the community through volunteer work or contributing occupations such as education.
- Maximizing attendance: More exposure through the media is needed. Lynda will check with various media to find out their community event policies, guest editorial policies, and how to get interviews. Brian reported the ODOT road-cleaning project begins April 1, which is a Saturday, and recommended we have a crew out that day in order to get the sign up as soon as possible after that. Coming out in support of local issues was also discussed, but care is to be taken in getting into controversies. Instead of supporting the library levy it was recommended we just support the library and decide what role JCDCC can play in supporting another law enforcement levy.
- Dorothy reported we now have 911 people on our “active” list – those people who have attended events or indicated they want to get information from JCDCC.
- Board meeting schedule was set for the fourth Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m. Next meeting is March 24.

The protocol for publishing calendar events, news releases, public service announcements, etc. was established. Announcements go to Lynda to be written, then to Howard for changes/additions and approval, then to Dorothy to send out to our email list. All relevant progressive issues will be posted on our website calendar as we learn about them.

**Agenda for March 14<sup>th</sup>:** Passing out postcards and advising those attending to send their representatives in the statehouse and/or congress a concern. Dorothy will buy prepaid postcards estimated at \$200 from the JCDCC account and people can donate to cover cost. Dave Smith from Indivisible will speak about his group’s goals and how JCDCC and Indivisible can work together. Recruitment – needed is an office manager, PCPs, and members to fill out the standing committees as required by JCDCC bylaws as well as Gary Erb’s Resist committee. Howard will remind those attending that a \$50 donation is tax-deductible. A contribution bucket will be put out for donations to help pay hall expenses. It was suggested we have a large sign displaying events during meeting.