

JOSEPHINE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
Minutes for Meeting of August 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order at Pearce Park at 7 p.m. by Chair Brian Clark after a lovely picnic in honor of Howard Owens.

The office is now open. Brian thanked Tricia Myers for her contribution and Pat Flenner for helping furnish the office.

The office is open **Tuesday Friday and Saturday from 12-3** and **Wednesday from 5:30-7:30**. Dorothy, Shari and Brian would appreciate more help in staffing it. In fact if you visit, you may have your name entered in a drawing for a free hat and shirt! Especially need someone on Saturdays. E-mail if you want to help out 12-3. Gary will sign up.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report was accepted.

FAIR: Shari Morin is setting up the schedule for the Fair. It will be Wed-Sat, August 16-19. Set-up is planned for Tuesday, August 15

There are 8 day passes for the fair.

There will be two parking passes which can be shared. Additional Parking passes are \$5 each.

Please sign up for a couple of hours. Volunteers are also needed for set up and take down. Barb and Dave Irish will need more help setting up.

Sign ups are needed for Wednesday 1:30-5:30 and 3:30-5:30 and Thursday 7:30-9:30PM. Also need 1 more Friday 3:00-5:30 and Saturday 11:30-3:30 and 5:30-7:30. Do let Shari know when you will work.

Neighborhood leaders: Get in touch with your neighbors. Report the results of your contacts.

Brian went to State Convention last week. They passed a resolution of the Democratic Party of Oregon in support of a Congressional investigation regarding the impeachment of President Donald J. Trump," based on his being in violation of the foreign emoluments clause of the Constitution, Article I, Section 9, Clause 8, and also Article II, Section 1, Clause 5. They put up a resolution for Single Payer health care but decided not to act on it at this time.

4 new Precinct Committee persons were added: Eileen McDougall, Larry Bath, Jan Thompson, and Sandra Alex Kozlowski.

We decided to hold off on the Grand Opening of the Office because of the fair, fund-raiser in September, marching in Cave Junction on Labor Day, etc.

Laurie Hoagland of La Clinica and Democratic Health Care Caucus, also on the Health Care for All Oregon Board spoke to us.

Planned Parenthood is probably the most important part of health care in high schools, screenings, birth control etc.

Signing up for Oregon Health Plan is complicated. You really need help signing up.

The Drug industry must be regulated.

One in 4 cancer patients will experience hardship covering financial costs.

Insurance companies call money spent on medical care a LOSS, when it's the most important part!

Emergency room is far more expensive and has worse outcomes. Health care covers preventive.

Germany has a not for profit system of medical care. People pay part of the costs

HB1291 could provide money for (Medicaid as federal money gets decreased?)

We do not want the Affordable Care Act put on the ballot. Do NOT sign the petitions to put it on. Cover all kids is on the ballot.??

Health Care for All Oregon will not be on the ballot till 2020. We need full support. Corporations will put out all kinds of negative information.

Ashland has voted to support HCAO. Talent City Council voted to support it.

California Kaiser is lobbying against it!

Everyone should have health care.

Public option would mean the sickest people would be on it.

30% of people in Josephine County are on OHP not counting Medicare.

HAO would cover prescriptions, dental, mental health care, hearing aids

We could negotiate good prices for prescriptions.

We need to organize a million people (for HCAO?)

Young people need to realize how important it is for them in case of an accident, drug treatment counseling, reproductive.

Some Health Care CEOs make \$500,000/month!

Other countries don't pay big bucks to CEOs.

Do watch the movies BIG PHARMA, FIX IT.

Laurie Baden from the 2nd Congressional District in Medford reminded us how important it is to defeat Greg Walden.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Pat Bath, Secretary